

## **Notes of Meeting 9 March 2022**

### **Environment and Climate Crisis Action Group (ECCAG)**

Present: Nigel Chatterjee (NC), Trudy Reynolds (TR), Pat Smith (PS).

Apologies: Jackie Bull (JB).

### **Diggers and Doers Up-date**

TR said that the group was working well although new members were always needed. The group had helped with the Battery Recharge project in readiness for wildflower planting and had created 3 new beds for wildflowers at the top of Foundry Parc. Next week the team will hope to make a wildflower bed below the War Memorial in Higher Porthpean. This area will not only include the free seeds obtained from Biffa but also wild poppies. There had also been two sessions at Carrickowel Point working with Cornwall Council's Countryside Ranger Team to clear overgrown vegetation and to open up some sea views.

All 3 Jubilee trees have now been bought and will be planted, with due ceremony, within the next couple of weeks.

### **Parish Energy Contract**

The current contract runs until the autumn of 2023 and 55% of the energy supplied via the contract comes from renewable sources.

In view of the current situation regarding the energy market no changes are considered appropriate.

### **Communications**

No decision has yet been made regarding the Chairman's Annual report. The aim will be to include a Climate Crisis news/help-sheet.

Further posters/newsletters/events will be submitted to the Clerk. These will then be circulated to the PC. Relevant items will then be also submitted to the 4 main social media groups operating in the parish, i.e. Duporth CIC, Foundry Parc, Duporth Bay Residents Groups and Friends of Charlestown Facebook Group.

\* **Action Point** : PS will action initial liaison between the Charlestown Facebook Group and Parish Clerk

### **Rame Green Guide**

PS said she had been unsuccessful in widening the interest on this project. It will now be retained by the Group for useful information and future campaigning activities.

### **Next Activities**

TR gave out copies of the Impact Carbon Footprint Report for St Austell Bay Parish which had been obtained via Exeter University. (Item 3.1 of our Climate Crisis Action Plan). There was a lot of useful information in the report. It was disappointing to see that the average consumption footprint was higher in our Parish than both the Cornwall and the GB average.

\* **Action Point** : TR will ask the Clerk to produce a hard copy of the report (in colour) to be given to the Councillors at the next PC meeting. Once all

Councillors have had a look at the document a discussion can be held to discuss the implications in the report and how we can reduce our carbon footprint. A future poster campaign may be run highlighting this report.

The next poster campaign was discussed and the topic will be “Spring Cleaning”. This will be produced for April at which time it will replace the “Food Focus February” poster so that at any given time there will be 2 active posters on the noticeboards.

\* **Action Point** : TR to prepare relevant poster with assistance from rest of team.

### **Next Meeting**

It was agreed that either Tuesday or Friday mornings would be the best days for meetings subject to access and Hall availability. These would usually be in the week preceding the PC meetings.