

## **Notes of Meeting 03 September 2021 Environment and Climate Crisis Working Party**

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

### Digger and Doers

The Diggers and Doers poster had gone up on the Parish noticeboards and there had been some interest. It was agreed that a smaller flyer would be produced with a bit more explanation. (**Action point for JB, TR and Clerk**). If the PC approve the printing cost it would be produced in-house and hand-delivered throughout the parish. As the Neighbourhood Plan referendum flyers were currently being delivered it was agreed to wait until October for any distribution. It was also hoped that similar informal channels could be used to get the message out, e.g informal email groups and Facebook groups.

JB suggested that when a Diggers and Doers group can be established there could be an initial welcome meeting at the Pattern Hall with some refreshments. The volunteers from Chandlers Walk could also be invited to explain what they had achieved.

### Chandlers Walk

JB, TR and PS met with the Chandlers Walk group on 17 August 2021. With their agreement photos were taken and a written report made. TR suggested that these should be put on the PC website to encourage similar groups and areas to be improved. **PC approval to be obtained.**

### People's Climate Festival on 27 November 2021

PS explained that she was now involved with the Community Link Officers, who were arranging the Peoples Climate Festival at St Austell College. There will be speakers and local films on climate change as well as fun things to do, information and demonstrations. The event will be free.

JB queried whether the College was the correct location and suggested White River Place may attract more visitors. PS said that the location had been decided but other venues could be considered for other events. JB gave PS contact details for White River Place.

PS said she had had several conversations with Wend Earl who was also taking a leading role in Climate Change initiatives, in particular Climate Action St Austell. (CASA). Details of the website had already been circulated amongst the group. **PC to be asked to include a link to this website on the PC website and to approve closer working with CASA.**

JB stated her concerns about getting the Climate Change message through to Government, particularly in view of the forthcoming COP26 summit. JB thought that using CALC (Cornwall Association of Local Councils) would provide an added mechanism for this. **It was agreed that we should consider drafting a letter with our concerns before putting it to the PC for approval.**

#### Developers Check List

At the last meeting the Developers Check List used by Pentewan Valley PC was discussed. TR had produced a version which could be used by Parish Councillors when considering planning application - A Planning Checklist. It was generally thought to be a useful checklist. **Approval for use to be sought at the next PC meeting.**

NC thought that a similar short version could be used for developers. There was discussion as to how this would fit in with the existing planning process. JB said that an intervention at an early stage with the developer/agent could be beneficial, particularly in view of the Neighbourhood Plan which could be approved on 16 September.

**PC to be asked if a short enquiry form could/should be issued by the Parish Clerk on receipt of planning notifications with the aim to highlight climate change planning considerations. If supported, a short checklist will be produced for approval.**

#### Climate Change Action Plan

The plan we were using as a base document was a little outdated. We had already decided that we would not be looking to obtain detailed carbon footprint information for the parish. **TR to email the Helston Action Plan to the rest of the group.** The next meeting to have a single item agenda of Climate Change Action Plan.

#### Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be in w/c 11 October 2021.