

Notes of Climate Crisis Action Group Meeting 20th July 2021

Present:-

Trudy Reynolds
Nigel Chatterjee
Pat Smith
Jackie Bull

Climate Crisis Update

All present unanimously agreed to change the group's name to 'Climate Crisis Action Group' to better reflect the situation environmentally. The action plan will be renamed, also, to Climate Crisis Action Plan subject to approval from the Parish Council.

At the Network meeting on on climate crisis, 28th July 2021, chaired by Helen Nicholson, requests were made for a Parish Council liaison volunteer. Pat Smith volunteered to fulfil this role and other group members expressed gratitude.

Pentewan Valley Developers' Check-list

The Group agreed to broadly adopt the Pentewan Valley Developers' Checklist which suggests particular environmental focus on planning applications. This Checklist to be customised to suit our Parish needs and then to be put before the full Parish Council for approval.

There was some discussion on the amount of power Parish Councils have to seek environmental focus on applications and it was noted that the PC can seek, at the very beginning, to discuss issues with applicants and developers as well as, moving forward, discussion with planning officers.

Poster Campaign, Sustainable Summer

It was noted that the poster campaign had been successful and the group thanked Trudy for the production of the next 'Diggers and Doers' poster which will shortly be released.

There was discussion on ways to gain volunteers to form a group of volunteers to create environmentally positive areas. It was suggested that A5 leaflets could be hand delivered to households to ensure greatest capture of interest then, perhaps, if full Council agree, to begin projects of both traditional and wildflower planting around identified areas, possibly at the entrances to Charlestown as a start. This initiative to seek Parish Council approval.

Draft wording such as 'Are you interested in having fun, gardening, fresh air, exercise and helping improve our Parish and the environment. If so, then come and join our Parish Council 'Diggers and Doers' Group. Even if you can only give an hour now and then do come and join us. Please contact for further information'

It was suggested that our new Councillor, Sandie be approached, given her creative experience to request help with future posters and leaflets.

There was also a discussion on the further use of social media utilising such groups as 'Friends of Charlestown Harbour' to increase awareness and place posters and messages. Pat offered to post information as and when appropriate, again it was felt that Parish Council approval was needed.

Climate Pledges

There was a short discussion on the merits and potential disadvantages of signing up to climate pledges. It was decided to study the Eden Project Pledges and discuss at the next meeting. The pledges to be found on Cornwall Council's link webpage.

Environmental Gains

The meeting with Chandlers Walk residents was postponed to ensure the PC Chairman could attend.

Carbon Footprint

The Group felt the complexity of carbon footprint measuring did not offer enough, at the moment, to engage. It was felt more important to concentrate on actual environmental gains.

Climate Change Report

Updating the Climate Change Report was briefly discussed and it was decided that the Report should be studied by end of August in time for the next meeting.

Meeting Closed