

Notes of Meeting 08 June 2021

Environment and Climate Working Party

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

Make a Pledge

PS produced a leaflet from Climate Vision with 10 pledges of practical steps to help limit climate change. It was agreed that the Working Party would review this information and decide whether to make some or all of the pledges. Once this had been done it would be put to the PC at the next meeting to ask them to make a similar pledge. Following that it could be spread more widely similar to a pyramid selling scheme.

Subsequent to the meeting The Eden Project "Make the Change Pledges" also to be considered.

Working together

PS stated that the main problem was a lack of a cohesive plan for Parish Councils and smaller groups. It was decided that we would approach James Mustoe to get a meeting organised with the Climate Change reps from Mevagissey PC, St Austell Town Council and Carlyon PC to decide how we could work better together rather than in isolation.

It was subsequently decided that we would wait for the Climate Change Working Party (Community Network Panel event) on 28 June before arranging this.

The Helston Climate Change Plan was discussed. TR will send NC an electronic copy. To be discussed at next meeting.

Community Network Panel Climate Change Event on 28 June

It was agreed that PS would attend. TR will also attend if possible. NC unable to attend.

Six solutions for a sustainable summer

TR had prepared a flyer for the PC noticeboards and website to promote 6 ways of being more environmentally friendly. PS is going to revamp it to make it more eye-catching before sending to Parish Clerk for approval to put on noticeboards etc.

Environmental Gains

Efforts to improve biodiversity were discussed. Tree planting will resume in the autumn. Wild-flower initiatives and installation of bird boxes were discussed with the Regatta Field, Foundry Parc and Duporth Estate being potential places. To be discussed further at next meeting. Will need to involve the Regatta Committee, Duporth CIC and Foundry Parc Management Team. The success of the project at Chandlers Walk was highlighted. TR to contact Jackie Bull to see if she can give any help or guidance based on what they have done to make it successful.

TR explained what potential work was being discussed for The Battery. TR explained that despite the current Planning Application put forward by Peter Browning the work which the Charlestown History Group were hoping to do was totally unrelated to any planning application. It was a long-term project to

improve and make safe the historic features by clearing trees, creating wild-life areas and new footpaths. It was hoped that the felling of trees would be mitigated by planting along the re-routed coastal footpath.

Engaging with Businesses

Although preliminary work with businesses to improve their climate change awareness was considered it was agreed that it should not be a priority at this stage in view of the pressure on businesses following Covid. Important to build constructive dialogue with businesses, particularly the Harbour. They are making money out of tourism so should give back to the community and not create more problems, such as additional litter, plastic pollution etc. The lighting of the Harbour area at night was mentioned. Is it necessary to have the lights on overnight? Are there businesses which provide free water bottle refilling? Enquiries will be made by NC and PS for Charlestown and TR for Porthpean Beach.

Carbon Footprint

TR said about an item on Spotlight in which Exeter University had produced an app which calculated the carbon footprint for individual Parishes or villages. PS had found links to this information. To be discussed at next meeting after we had all had a look at the links. Will need to decide how we can use this information and how relevant it will be for both individuals and the Parish as a whole.

Next Meeting

It was agreed to resume meeting more regularly with the week prior to the PC meeting being favourable. Provisional date of Tuesday 6th July at 9.15.