

Notes of Meeting 11 June 2024 Environment and Climate Crisis Action Group (ECCAG)

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

Carbon Footprint Report

TR had previously sent out a link to the Centre for Sustainable Energy's Carbon Footprint report for St Austell Bay Parish for 2024. TR was pleased to report that the Community's Consumption Footprint, annual carbon emissions, had reduced from 15,255 in 2022 to 9,485 in 2024. TR suggested that the report should be made available to the public and it was agreed it would be the basis for the poster in July 2024. PS will study both the previous and the current report and data to identify where the areas of improvement were and report back.

Light Pollution in Charlestown

This problem had been raised recently by both PS and other residents around the harbour area. The main culprits were the Lovering Chimney, the Longstore and fairylights around the harbour itself. All these location were often illuminated throughout the night and some 24/7. This was not only a waste of power but also disturbing for residents and harmful to wildlife. It was agreed that the PC would be asked to contact the people responsible and if not already fitted would ask that timers are fitted to switch off at 11.00pm, or 12.00 midnight if there were security/H&S needs.

Next 3 Posters

Ideas were discussed and following the Carbin Footprint report the August one would feature the Seaside/Beach, to include the problems of disposable BBQs and plastic beach goods. Further posters would be on Litter and one on a Make Do & Mend theme.

Diggers & Doers Update

TR advised that projects were on going at Holmbush Arch, Crinnis Road and Carrickowel Point, Porthpean. PS was pleased that the area up to the Battery had been cleared and suggested that if in future any planting was done inside fields a temporary electric fence could be used to keep livestock away from the saplings.

AOB

Whilst discussing the light pollution issues around the harbour PS raised her concerns over the noise pollution and litter that was now a regular feature of life in Charlestown. With the increase in the number of weddings and music events any "peaceful enjoyment" of your home was increasingly difficult. The fast food outlets generated more waste than even the four rubbish bins could contend with. Extra bins were not the issue but the outlets themselves should

be doing more to recycle or provide their own waste containers. TR suggested the PC contacts the Harbour Company directly about their policies for rubbish reduction and recycling when engaging these concessions and would research whether they were in breach of their entertainment licence.

Concerns were raised that the WHS status was not being considered sufficiently and the harbour particularly was seen as a money making concern rather than caring for the historic nature of this unique harbour. TR will request an agenda item to discuss the light, noise and rubbish concerns at the next PC.