

Present: Tony Hoskins (Chair)
Mayor, Councillor Ken Arlett
Councillor Ian Reissmann
Dick Fletcher
Suzy Bannon
Rebecca Chandler-Wilde
Patrick Fleming

In attendance: 1 Member of the press

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kellie Hinton, Councillor Donna Crook, Jackie Walker, Ruth Lindup. It was noted that as only 2 councillors were present the meeting was not quorate. It was agreed to continue, but only to make recommendations. The Committee welcomed newly co-opted member Dick Fletcher.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

4. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2019 were approved.

5. POTENTIAL PROJECTS LIST

Consideration of a target was discussed. It was felt it was important to have a target/deadline, such as Carbon Neutrality by 2030 which is in common with many other similar groups. Progress towards this target should be measured. It was not clear how current and future Carbon Emissions by Henley could be measured except by pro rata reference to the BEIS annual database of CO2 emissions which is at district level. The geographic area covered should remain under review given some potential projects lie outside the Town's boundaries.

It was agreed to research and identify good practice in other groups (e.g. Reading BC). All to do this and submit any findings to Dick Fletcher to collate.

Funding was discussed, and identification of sources of grants etc was felt to be useful, **Rebecca Chandler-Wilde to report back on funding options.**

The list of projects was considered, noting the attached papers and earlier projects carried out by students at Reading University. **A meeting on Tuesday 23rd July at Reading University to consider possible future dissertations was to be attended by Patrick Fleming, Rebecca Chandler-Wilde and Dick Fletcher who will report back.**

1. *Retrofit.* This had been the subject of an RBC paper in 2009. This was felt to be of good quality. Replacement of gas heating was felt to be a possible significant scope in reducing CO2 (e.g. using ground source or air source heating). Donna Crook, **Dick Fletcher, Ruth Lindup and Tony Hoskins to meet, review and report back.**

2. *Community Energy.*

Papers considered, Wind, Land Use and Other. **Patrick Fleming agreed to submit more detail on the figures for offsetting using planting of forests.**

All these papers were felt to be useful, but too detailed for submission back to the HTC Plans committee. **It was agreed to try and summarise into two pages in time for the agenda of the HTC Plans Committee on 6 Aug.**

3. *Public Consultations*

It was felt that public consultations were important in order to spread the load and identify more community champions, but also maintain the increasing profile on the issue of climate change. It was not clear how early this should take place. **Suzy Marshall Bannon is to recommend possible approaches, to be reviewed at subsequent meetings.**

4. *HTC Commitment.*

The question of the extent to which HTC would commit resources to the group was raised. It was noted that the CEWG has no budget (other than £500 for some consultation) and no officer time assigned. It was agreed to request that consideration is given by HTC to identifying Officer Time and Finances. This will need to be considered by the New Town Clerk once he starts in September and is instructed regarding his priorities and scope to assign officer time to the recommendation emerging from the CEWG.

6. **CHANGE OF NAME**

It was agreed after suggestions were made to remove the word “emergency” from the WG name, to retain this as it in widespread use now and to

RECOMMEND that the name be changed to: “Climate Emergency 2030 Working Group” to be approved by the Planning Committee.

7. **NEXT MEETING**

28 Aug 2019 6:30.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

Tony Hoskins
Chairman

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