

Report of the Climate Emergency Working Group Meeting

Held 30th June 2021 Via Zoom

Present Cllrs J Lonsdale (Chair) M Eddy, P St Ange, Mrs S Le Chevalier (taking notes)

Apologies Cllr D Thompson – unable to join due to technical issue at start of the meeting.

Minutes of the Meeting 6th January 2021 Agreed as accurate

Matters Arising not covered elsewhere - none

Priorities and Actions

Biodiversity

Members considered the letter of reply from DDC Leader, Cllr Bartlett, concerning biodiversity and DDC land. Some positives. To note at this stage. JL to write again in 2 months to keep the momentum on DDC.

Bee Bombs for residents. CCWG supported this in October 2020. Planting time would be Autumn/Spring. ME to liaise with the Clerk Mr Richard Styles with a view of buying 100 and advertising availability to residents of Walmer.

Transport

EV Charging Points

Site at Canada Road is progressing. KCC to commence installation within 2 weeks. Delay likely to be UK Power Source.

Station drive site – No longer viable due to nature of the parcel of land offered.

ME suggested an upgrade to Borrow Pitt Car Park to include EV points, Recovering the surface, Camper van facilities and planting. To be used as park and walk to access Deal/Walmer under the banner “Park & Prom”. ME to produce report to be included in the next Full Council meeting July.

Electric Buses.

Reply letter from DDC Leader Cllr Bartlett received, following letter from CEWG concerning use of s.106 money in Walmer for Green projects. ME to draught further letter.

Cycle Storage Walmer Railway Station.

Window for grant applications now open. SouthEastern will go ahead.WPC has already committed £6,000 in partnership. JL to monitor and progress.

Outdoor Gym.

Report from JL following webinar from a company offering database/search facilities for Grant Funding. Cost £998. JL to enquire whether neighbouring Councils Deal Town, Ringwoud with Kingsdown, St Margaret’s or Sholden would benefit from joining us to share access and cost.

ME to investigate KCC funding initiatives.

DT has progressed the type of equipment and sites. Report to follow at next meeting.

Outside Projects.

Thermal Heat-loss Camera.

Members received details from Frome Council who run a scheme that is available for public hire.

ME to liaise with RS to progress with the purchase of the FLIR E4 camera.

Involvement with Local Schools.

Emails have been exchanged with the Parochial School. Potential be progress in new school year, September.

Centre to Sustainable Energy.

SLC has signed up (free). Seems to be a source of information rather than a proactive centre that sends out information. SLC to arrange for members of CEWG to have access to their database.

62, The Strand.

JL obtained 4 quotes from surveyors who have assessed the building.

Members considered the final 2 PPL Architects and Conker Conservation.

Conker Conservation agreed as a better fit for our needs.

Training events – None

Changing CEWG from a Working Group to a committee.

Members considered the pros and cons of each and on balance feel a working group provides more flexibility for meetings and project work. SLC to prepare a report of each meeting. JL to liaise with RS to change terms of reference that the CEWG can report direct to Full Council to expedite projects and expenditure approval.

Next meeting Monday 26th July 7pm via Zoom. SLC to arrange.