

Report of the Climate Emergency Working Group Meeting

Held 11th August 2021 Via Zoom

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

Apologies None

Minutes of the Meeting 30th June 2021 Agreed as accurate

Matters Arising not covered elsewhere - none

Priorities and Actions

Biodiversity

ME Reported the DDC Member Cllr Vinson had made reference to DDC using foam to kill footpath weeds with Walmer as a pilot area. This was one of the CEWG suggestions so is welcomed.

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

Connection date 13th August, Meter date 18th August due to be commissioned by end of August.

Will need to ensure it is publicised locally and on ZapMap charging app etc.

Borrow Pit Car Park proposed redevelopment scheme may include EV points. ME has spoken to Martin Leggatt (DDC) with a view to progressing this and other options at the site.

Electric Buses. Correspondence with DDC on raising funds ongoing

Cycle Storage Walmer Railway Station. Application now in.

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, Ringwold with Kingsdown, St Margaret's or Sholden would benefit from joining us share access and cost.

ME to share KCC "inside track" funding information.

DT has progressed the type of equipment and sites, in particular has met with Martin Leggatt (DDC) and walked the route. Sites are on DDC owned land. ML is positive.

DT to request electronic copy of the documents he has from the supplier to form part of any funding bid.

Outside Projects.

Thermal Heat-loss Camera.

Input from Walmer Cllr Peter Jull has suggested an app would do this work. JL to approach PJ to ascertain which app and its specification.

Involvement with Local Schools.

Emails have been exchanged with the Parochial School. Potential to 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 has engaged Conker to provide a comprehensive report on the building with a view to making it as sustainable as possible within the constraints of the Conservation area. JL has shared this with WPC and RS. An exciting opportunity that could be shared with many owners of older buildings in Walmer and Deal. Record to be made, possibly in the form of a blog.

JL to liaise with RS over order of works, insulation, ventilation, PV supply and heat pump.

Training events – None

Changing CEWG from a Working Group to a committee.

Remain as a working group, change terms of reference that it can report to the next available committee to progress individual projects for financial approval.

New Projects

ME reported that Deal Town Council are looking for financial help to run a schools poster competition to highlight cars running outside schools. "No Use Idle". CEWG supports the idea in principle. ME to investigate further what the money is needed for.

JL - in view of the recent IPCC report can the Parish Council do more? In particular look out for land to use as woodland, in conjunction with other local parish and town councils.

SLC to investigate Hampshire (County?) Council initiative wildlife corridors along fields.

Next meeting Tuesday 31st August . SLC to arrange. (this is a change to the previously published date)