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Minutes of the Climate Emergency Working Group Meeting

Held 25th January 2024 at No 8 The Strand, Walmer at 7:00pm

PRESENT: Cllr M Eddy, Cllr L Ludwig, Cllr P Findley, Cllr R Blackwell Cllr S Waite-Gleave (Chairing)

LOCAL RESIDENTS: Mr D Thompson, Mrs S Fisher

GUEST : Mr James Traynor-DDC climate officer

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- Agreed and signed off.
RESOLVED – That the minutes be taken as an accurate record.
Proposed by: Cllr Eddy
Seconded by: Cllr Ludwig

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- Briefing with DDC Climate Change officer James Traynor after invitation offered, this included information about council emissions, electric vehicles and storage, nature walks and buying schemes. Mr Traynor was interested in some of the initiatives and information the council has collated, Cllr Waite Gleave to send documents mentioned to DDC officer.

5. PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS

Transport

- **EV charging points.**
 - No update was available for the EV charging points this month.
 - DDC officer informed CEWG that EV point funds Kent 600 and LEVI fund will both be available this year for requests for grants.
 - A total of three cycle routes exist in Dover district., DDC will send a costed plan to make the routes safer for use to KCC to be added to the new DDC walking and cycling plan.

Ongoing projects

- **Thermal Camera Scheme**

- Update on numbers for scheme- **Noted**.
- Request to be made to customers for use of their thermal camera pictures to inform DDC regarding the state of council rented accommodation to help tenants.
- DDC Planning and Housing to be approached regarding council, and other, rented properties, and if there is potential for DDC to make more energy efficient. More information to be put forward via social media once confirmed.
- **Pesticide free towns national movement.**
 - CEWG to recommend to Full Council, KCC and DDC to achieve weed control without the use of pesticides and using alternative methods.
RESOLVED – CEWG recommends to Full Council that we approach DDC and KCC to achieve weed control without pesticides by alternative methods.
Proposed by: Cllr Waite-Gleave
Seconded by: Cllr Eddy

Local Nature Recovery Strategy

- **Tree Planting**
 - Admin seeking costings on trees for various sites.
 - A&E Committee have approved funding of £2000 for the planting of replacement street cherry trees on Salisbury Road.
 - Cllr Waite Gleave applied to Tree Council for 5 fruit trees following consultation with York and Albany Peace Garden group; the application was successful and 5 trees 1.5m tall will be delivered in March. A similar opportunity will be sought for Churchill Avenue Meadow. Cllr Findley to send list of tree funding possibilities.
- **Churchill Ave:**
 - It was noted that the Churchill Avenue project has been accepted by the Full Council at the meeting on 10th January 2024
 - Recommendation to put the contract from DDC before full council at the next meeting.
 - **RESOLVED** – The recommendation be put forward to next full council meeting on 7th February 2024
Proposed by: Cllr Eddy
Seconded by: Cllr Findley
 - Cllr Waite Gleave has been in contact with several groups regarding volunteering for the Churchill Avenue Garden, so far positive responses have been received from schools and guide/scout groups. In addition, several local residents have been interested in forming a group similar to the York and Albany committee.
 - The Management Plan has been deferred to a later meeting once a community group has formed and chosen its committee.
- **Walmer And Deal Action for Swifts Project**
 - The project is currently looking into people to put the swift boxes up, including the need for safety and insurance.

- Green grant application approved at A&E 17/1/24 and passed to WTC full council for February- Noted
- A suggestion was made for WTC to adopt the swift as the Flagship Species for the council similar to other town councils. Cllr Findley to write a small memo for Full Council.

Waste Reduction

- The plastic reduction information is to be edited and resubmitted at the next CEWG Meeting.
- WTC continues to seek DDC help with funding and installation of water refill stations-Noted
- CEWG to lobby Kent Resource Partnership, KCC, DDC and MP to map recycling locations.
- Discussion on possibility of WTC collecting tetrapacks in a gabon cage at events.
- Suggestions were made to contact ACE Recycling regarding the addition to new recycling banks in Walmer.
- Suggestions were made to promote DDC Litter Lotto ; encourage public to sort their waste more effectively.
- The rest of the waste reduction and invitations to community groups was deferred to the next CEWG meeting.
 - **RESOLVED** – To defer reduction of plastic waste to meeting on 28th March 2024
Proposed by: Cllr Waite Gleave
Seconded by: Cllr Eddy
- A recommendation was made to present the ‘Motion For The Ocean’ tthe next full council meeting.
 - **RESOLVED** – The recommendation to be put forward to next full council meeting on 7th February 2024
Proposed by: Cllr Eddy
Seconded by: Cllr Findley

Vote to continue meeting after 21:00

Proposed by: Cllr Ludwig
Seconded by: Cllr Waite Gleave

Green Areas

- DDC officers meeting with WTC on 10 Jan were inconclusive. Unmown area requests/wildlife corridor site plan to be completed and forwarded for possible meeting between Cllr Findley and Mr Richard Hayes and/or Darren Solley from DDC. Admin to set up meeting.
- Powerpoint and notes regarding the wildlife corridor to be forwarded to all members of the committee.
- Climate change day in November- **Noted**
- KCC Make Space for Nature Campaign launched-**Noted**
- Discussion with DDC officers regarding new management plan for foreshore nature recovery- **Noted**
- Cllr Waite Gleave put WTC motion to KALC AGM- **Noted**

6. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR OBSERVATIONS.

None

7. NEW INITIATIVES

None

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 28th March at 19:00 at No 8 The Strand.

Meeting ended 21:15

Comparison of Walmer parish to Dover district -carbon footprint per household; both methods shown (and PDF printed)

by Cllr S Waite-Gleave (SW-G certified Carbon Literate Jan 2024, trained to use carbon auditing tool 4/12/2023 also 2 day training self paid Zero-Carbon-Britain CAT). Table only to be used with acknowledgement work done by SW-G.

Parish / District	Territorial CO2e ftpt per household	Consumption CO2e ftpt per household	Key points from territorial breakdown	Key points from consumption breakdown	Do-able actions to target (which also help community)
Walmer Parish	8.45 t CO2e (Housing 3.32 Rd trspt 1.37 Ind & Comm 1.65 Aviation 1.26 Shpg 0.5 Fgases 0.23 Agri 0.08 Wste-mgt 0.04 Othertrns 0 diesalRly 0)	15.3t CO2e (gds&servs 5.63 Food&d 3.52 Housing 3.32 Travel 2.79 Waste 0.03)	Housing carbon ftpt MORE than district; Road transport LESS than district; Agri much LESS than district Much lower than district because of travel we have no control over & suburban nature of parish, no agriculture.	All more than district: consump ⁿ goods&services; food & diet; housing; travel; (same as district – waste) Slightly higher than district because slightly better-off = more consumption. BUT note pockets of poverty in Walmer no better-off than district.	Encourage : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • insulation of homes; • provision / use public transport & active travel; • switch to choice of veggie & local food; • Increase in re-use / repair of goods & services.
DOVER DISTRICT	12.6t CO2e (Housing 3.21 Rd trspt 3.18 Ind & Comm 2.62 Aviation 1.37 Shpg 0.55 Fgases 0.36 Agri 1.14 Wste-mgt 0.14 Othertrns 0.02 diesalRly 0) 12.59	14.8t CO2e (gds&servs 5.05 Food&d 3.39 Housing 3.21 Travel 3.1 Waste 0.03)	See above	See above	See above