



**WALMER TOWN COUNCIL**

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**Dated this day 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**To: Councillors: S Waite-Gleave (Chairing), R Blackwell, M Eddy, L Ludwig. P Findley**

**Non-Council Members: Mrs S Fisher**

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You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Climate Emergency Working Group** to be held on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025** at 62 The Strand, Walmer, CT14 7DP at 7.00pm to transact the business set out below.

Copy to Roland Aldred, Clerk

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**AGENDA**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive any declarations of interest from Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda.

Where a Member has a new or registered Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) in a matter under consideration, they must disclose that they have an interest and, unless the Monitoring Officer has agreed in advance that the DPI is a 'Sensitive Interest', explain the nature of that interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a DPI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation permitting them to do so. If during the consideration of any item a Member becomes aware that they have a DPI in the matter, they should declare the interest immediately and, subject to any dispensations, withdraw from the meeting

Where a Member is declaring an Other Significant Interest (OSI), they must also disclose the interest and explain the nature of the interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared an OSI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation to do so or the meeting is one at which members of the public are permitted to speak for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the matter. In the latter case, the Member may only participate on the same basis as a member of the public and cannot participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter and must withdraw from the meeting in accordance with the Council's procedure rules.

**3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

- To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Attach 1

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**
- To receive an update from admin regarding ongoing actions. Attach 2
5. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
6. **ONGOING PROJECTS**
- Transport**
- **EV charging points.**
  - To note: latest charge point usage figures. Attach 3
- Seawater Quality**
- Update From Admin regarding testing kits. Attach 4
  - Volunteers for seawater testing.
- Report Back from KALC Climate Conference**
- To Note: Report from Cllr Waite Gleave Attach 5
- Report Back from CL&N Forum**
- To Note: Report from Cllr Waite Gleave Attach 6
7. **SAVE OUR SEAS**
- To Note: Report from Cllr Waite Gleave Attach 7
8. **CLEANER/CHEAPER TRANSPORT**
- To look at the possibilities of encouraging a car club company to set up in Walmer. Attach 8
  - To decide on whether to promote car sharing on our platforms. Attach 9
9. **BIODIVERSITY GRANT**
- To discuss grant application from Walmer and Deal Action for Swifts Enc 1
  - To discuss grant application for Marke Wood Volunteer Gardeners. Enc 2
10. **NEW PROJECTS**
- **Climate and Ecology Action Plans**
    - To begin design of Climate and Ecology action plans for WTC
    - Isolation of areas near shoreline to prevent encroachment.
11. **POSSIBLE FUTURE AIMS AND INITIATIVES.**
12. **ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR OBSERVATIONS.**
13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  
27<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7pm



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**Draft Minutes of the Climate Emergency Working Group Meeting**

**Held 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at No 62 The Strand, Walmer at 7:00pm**

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

• **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr M Eddy, Mrs S Fisher

• **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

• **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

- Agreed and signed off.

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes be taken as an accurate record.

Proposed by: Cllr Findley

Seconded by: Cllr Blackwell

For 4

Against 0

Abstain 0

• **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

**NOTED-** Admin informed the working group of the status of matters outstanding, thermal camera service, Deal Climate Day and Budget.

Proposed by: Cllr Blackwell

Seconded by: Cllr Ludwig

For 4

Against 0

Abstain 0

• **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

• **ONGOING PROJECTS**

• **EV Charging points**

Admin informed working group of imminent payment of share from EV points via Kent County Council, this is a current total of £550.48.

• **Thermal Camera Scheme**

Admin informed working group that leaflets are being distributed in Upper Walmer as well as at the Climate Action Day. Leaflet drops for Middle Walmer are still needed.

• **Report From DDC Climate and Nature Forum**

**Noted:** Cllr Waite Gleave gave a report from the DDC Climate and Nature Forum on 16<sup>th</sup> October.

- A new breed of beetle has been found at Betteshanger Park

- Cllr Waite-Gleave to work on a green spaces to protect plan to forward to Cllr Beer of Deal Town Council
- Bio-Diversity net gain has been put forward at numerous proposed developments.  
Proposed by: Cllr Blackwell  
Seconded by: Cllr Findley  
For 4                      Against 0                      Abstain 0
- **Report From Dover Forum KALC**  
**Noted:** Cllr Waite Gleave gave a report from the Dover Forum KALC Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> October.
  - More information regarding resilience plans is required, the possibility of workshops was voiced
  - The KCC booklet 'Natural solutions' has information regarding plans, however seemed to be put aside during the 2021 elections.  
Proposed by: Cllr Blackwell  
Seconded by: Cllr Findley  
For 4                      Against 0                      Abstain 0
- **Climate Action Day**  
**Noted:** Climate Action Day materials were confirmed as ready for use, several councillors will be available on the day to assist where necessary.  
Proposed by: Cllr Waite Gleave  
Seconded by: Cllr Blackwell  
For 4                      Against 0                      Abstain 0
- **Report From KALC Conference**  
**Noted:** Cllr Waite Gleave gave a report from the KALC Climate Conference on 5<sup>th</sup> November.
  - There are very likely to be intense dry hot drought periods once every 4 years.
  - More intense rain
  - Public support for action. Expressed by 74% of respondents to 2021 census.
  - KCC has bought 2 large solar farms in Somerset 22MW which represent 76% of electricity used by KCC.
  - Encouraging private residents to reduce their carbon footprint with Green Open Homes project
  - Local councils need to develop a Climate Action Plan
  - Taking increased threats of wildfires seriously especially where parish boundaries are on edge of farmland.
  - Need for firebreaks on edges of all new developments. UK wildfire peaks are April & July.
  - Cllr Waite Gleave to send questions to Steve Cole of CSE about how to push LPA to reach and incentivise private landlords to make their rental properties energy efficient  
Proposed by: Cllr Waite Gleave  
Seconded by: Cllr Ludwig  
For 4                      Against 0                      Abstain 0

### **Local Nature Recovery Strategy**

- **Walmer And Deal Action for Swifts Project**
  - **NOTED:** A report was received by Cllr P Findley regarding the WALDAS project, the group have been contacted by Canterbury, Thanet and West Kent to set up their own projects.
  - A rolling display of swifts will be present at the Climate Action Day on 16<sup>th</sup> November at Deal Town Council  
Proposed by: Cllr Findlay  
Seconded by: Cllr Waite-Gleave  
For 4                      Against 0                      Abstain 0
- **Seawater Quality**

**Noted-** Admin to get further information about sea water testing from selected companies.

- **BUDGET**

**RESOLVED** – To amend budget by £500 to allow for the purchase of Seawater testing kits for 2025.

Proposed by: Cllr Waite Gleave

Seconded by: Cllr Ludwig

For 3

Against 0

Abstain 0

- **POSSIBLE FUTURE AIMS AND INITIATIVES.**

- Noted: In January group to assemble example action plans in order to construct one for Walmer.
- Working Group to look into isolating areas near the shoreline to prevent encroachment by water going vehicles.

- **ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR OBSERVATIONS.**

- None

- **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 19:00 at No 62 The Strand.

Meeting ended 20:20



**Item: Climate Emergency Update Report**

**Date: 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**Meeting: Climate Emergency Working Group**

**From: Admin Clerk**

- I. After contacting Deal Town Council, there are currently no plans to expand on the current electric bikes campaign. This is mostly due to the lack of any estate that DTC could install new charge points.
- II. The Deal Climate Action Day was held on 16th November, set up by Admin and Cllr Waite-Gleave and attended by several Cllrs on the day. DTC sent out a press release thanking everyone as well as a short video.
- III. Budget has been passed in January by full council.
- IV. A meeting was held between admin and Cllr Waite-Gleave to break down and confirm the current progress of tasks that CEWG has. Several older ideas were removed while others were pushed back to the beginning of the next financial year.
- V. The Thermal Camera Scheme went ahead from the first week in December, currently one is still outstanding and will be completed soon. The majority of these were in upper Walmer around the areas leafleted by the working group.
- VI. The first profit share from KCC has been paid to the council for a total of £511.07, this is up to July 2024.
- VII. Several Climate Action plans as well as other environmental plans were collated and a link to an online directory sent to members of the working group, these will be used as the basis of an action plan for Walmer Town Council.
- VIII. Southern Water has published several reports about the state of the sea water off the Deal Coast, they are working with others to figure out what is causing the pollution.

2024	Jan-24	50	329	1307	326.75	548.94		
	Feb-24	26	430	991	247.75	406.31		
	Mar-24	54	349	1480	370	606.8		
	Apr-24	41	395	1100	275	462		
	May-24	44	284	898	224.5	368.18		
	Jun-24	25	256	543	135.75	228.06		
	Jul-24	39	361	1098	274.5	461.16		
	Aug-24	42	335	1220	305	500.2		
	Sep-24	40	337	1150	287.5	471.5		
	Oct-24			1482	370.5	622.44		
	Nov-24	33	444	1047	261.75	460.68		
	Dec-24	52	390	1219	304.75	509.56		
	Total	446	3910	13535	3383.75	5645.83	1456.54	436.96
	TOTAL	1525	12770	39221	8062.31	13747.63	2490.63	747.19

Profit share Paid		
Date range	Amount	Column1
Oct 21 - July 24	£511.07	
Aug 24 - Dec 24	236.12 TBC	
	747.19	

**Info - Walmer Town Council**

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**From:** Simplex Health <info@simplexhealth.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 28 November 2024 10:25  
**To:** Info - Walmer Town Council  
**Subject:** Re: Bespoke Testing For Sea Water

Hello John

thank you for the details. Please find a quote below. I have split out blue green algae from the bacteria testing as it is not a common test for sea water and it gives you the option to add as and when required. The price below for blue-green algae testing is a bolt-on, this means that the samples are sent to the lab with bacteria samples (at this prices the testing is not stand alone. To see the prices for blue-green algae testing on its own please

see: <https://www.simplexhealth.co.uk/product/cyanobacteria-blue-green-algae-lab-test/>)

Sea water testing for Coliform/E.coli, Enterococci, pH (Lab Test)

1 sample: £100 (incl VAT) per sample

2-3 samples: £90 (incl VAT) per sample

4+ samples: £80 (incl VAT) per sample

Sea water testing for Blue Green Algae Cyanobacteria as bolt-on

1 sample: £55 (incl VAT) per sample

2-3 samples: £50 (incl VAT) per sample

4+ samples: £45 (incl VAT) per sample

The water sample bottles will be shipped once payment has been received. The prices above are valid for 60 days.

(The quote above is based on all samples shipped together. So if you are planning on shipping 2 samples for analysis at the same time, then please refer to the price for 2 samples. If you are sending 4 samples, then please see the price for 4 samples.)

Results usually sent per Email (to the Email address used in the order) within 5-6 working days after the water sample has been received. Please note, that we can not guarantee for delays in analysis due to unforeseen circumstances.

The report shows the test results in the appropriate measurement, like ppm, mg/l, cfu/100ml etc. This test is not UKAS approved test.

For each order you will receive one transport box and courier label, all samples are to be picked up from one location at the same time (refer to the per sample price).

Once an order is paid, we will provide you with everything required to carry out the analysis, including sample bottles, a box for posting the samples to our lab, cool packs for transport, instructions on how to take the water sample as well as shipping labels.

The courier to pick up the water samples should be booked at least 2 days before the samples are taken.

Please note, that all samples are shipped via courier, therefore we can not take any responsibility for delayed or failed delivery by the courier. Should such an event occur, we do not inform you prior to analysis. Should you notice via tracking that delivery is delayed, then you can inform us quickly (within 6 hours, before analysis has started) and decide whether to re-take the samples or go ahead with the analysis. Should you decide to re-take the samples then we will supply fresh bottles free of



charge. We can not be made liable for any costs relating to sample collection (ie travel cost etc). Should you decide to go ahead with analysis then there will be a note on the report to say that the sample time is out of the 24 hour spec. (Ideally samples should be analysed within 24 hours of being taken.

We usually book DHL to pick up samples from 12/2pm. In some areas, they might come earlier without prior warning, therefore we generally recommend to have the samples ready by 11am. DHL is advised to deliver within 24 hours but this can not be guaranteed (see above). It might be best to see how this works on a case by case basis.

Courier pick up Monday to Thursday only. Bank holidays and weekends as well as the day before those are excluded from pick up.

Please let us know how you would like to proceed. Any further questions regarding this quote, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Many regards,  
Carolin

On 27 Nov 2024, at 11:43, Info - Walmer Town Council <[info@walmercouncil.co.uk](mailto:info@walmercouncil.co.uk)> wrote:

Good Morning

The elements would be standard checks such as

E. coli  
Faecal Streptococci / Intestinal Enterococci  
pH  
Blue-Green Algae

The frequency is currently expected to be quarterly of the sea water from nearby.

Kind Regards  
John Miles

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**From:** Simplex Health <[info@simplexhealth.co.uk](mailto:info@simplexhealth.co.uk)>  
**Sent:** 26 November 2024 13:48  
**To:** Info - Walmer Town Council <[info@walmercouncil.co.uk](mailto:info@walmercouncil.co.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: Bespoke Testing For Sea Water

## Info - Walmer Town Council

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**From:** Sam O'Shea <sam@swim-safety.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 26 November 2024 10:25  
**To:** Info - Walmer Town Council  
**Cc:** Sampling Results  
**Subject:** RE: Bespoke Testing For Sea Water  
**Attachments:** Water Quality Testing Services - Info Pack 2024.pdf

Hi John

Thank you for your email. I have attached our information pack which contains details of how the service works, what's included and pricing.

Please see below your quote for a Water Sampling testing programme based on a 2-bottle kit with a test every 3 months.

Package	Package Cost	Sampling Occasions	Total (excl VAT)
Microbiology Kit (2 Samples)	£210.00	4	£840.00
<b>Total (excl VAT)</b>			<b>£840.00</b>

If this is something you'd like to go ahead with, we'd need the following details to set you up and send an invoice over for payment.

- Organisation/Name to put on invoice
- Email to send invoice to
- Water Body Name (this will appear on certificates)
- Kit delivery address
- Dates you plan on testing

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Kind regards  
Sam

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## Report back to CEWG & WTC from Cllr Sarah Waite-Gleave

### KALC Climate Conference (on-line) Tues 5 November 2024.

Conference chaired by Cllr Sarah Barker and [Alison.stevens@kalc.org.uk](mailto:Alison.stevens@kalc.org.uk) Lasted 3hr 30 minutes, attended by 33 cllrs from 33 local Kent councils heard from 6 excellent speakers on what we could do / need to be aware of as local councils to help our communities and residents cope with current and future problems arising from climate emergency.

Outside speakers with excellent factual powerpoint presentations (which I'm promised will be circulated to attendees) were:

- Christina Wilson of the UK Met Office. (contact [mark.rogers@metoffice.gov.uk](mailto:mark.rogers@metoffice.gov.uk))
- Ben ?, and [Alessandra.sartori@kent.gov.uk](mailto:Alessandra.sartori@kent.gov.uk) of KCC Climate Change and Energy team (Report to KCC transport & Enviro cttee of July 2024 includes Dec 2023 update on work of ELES )
- Steve Cole of CSE on Retrofit (difference between Good and Bad retrofit – so that homes are warm and energy efficient, don't become poorly ventilated and damp. [Woe-energydev@cse.org.uk](mailto:Woe-energydev@cse.org.uk))
- Andrew Maliphant of Gloucester ALC and NALC lead on 'Great collaboration'
- Gary Miller of Kent Fire and Rescue
- Bridget Fox of The Woodland Trust [bridgetfox@woodlandtrust.org.uk](mailto:bridgetfox@woodlandtrust.org.uk) Natural solutions to climate change : woodland, grassland, wetlands need to be retained, enhanced as sequester carbon and act as flood sponges.

Key takeaway messages :

- There are very likely to be intense dry hot drought periods once every 4 years.
- More intense rain periods (long periods in winter ; sudden thundery ones in summer) sea level rise in 2100 like to range between 0.5 and 1.15m). Not unrealistic that melting arctic will cause loss of gulf stream.
- Public support for action. Expressed by 74% of respondents to 2021 census. KCC has bought 2 large solar farms in Somerset 22MW which represent 76% of electricity used by KCC (private note sw-g Update on ELES work July 2024 KCC cttee meeting agenda). Encouraging private residents to reduce their carbon footprint with Green Open Homes project
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- Sw-g Q to CSE's Steve Cole about how to push LPA to reach and incentivize private landlords to make their rental properties energy efficient – got response we don't have answer but this is very important / key question. Less regulatory obstruction to retrofit on historic / conservation buildings see Historic England new 2024 Advice Note Saving Energy and Carbon .

Report back to WTC CEWG from SWG meeting Wed 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 6pm.

Enthusiastic participation at this meeting from Sonja Watsham representing DealWithIt and Liz Hayes representing Transition Dover.

- 1) KALC chief exec & guest, C. Keatley, was keen to help communities get **signs up discouraging engine idling** to reduce air pollution. Although Walmer doesn't have a level crossing – there are areas where we need to discourage engine idling, e.g. outside schools, and where there are temporary traffic lights. (Deal TC actions to get notices up outside schools between 2019 and 2023 referred to.) Resolved to do more outside schools & at level crossings where applicable in Dover, Deal, Aylesham, Walmer, Sandwich. Signs to be big enough for drivers to read from their steering wheel. Info campaign to include 'drivers can save fuel if they turn off engines if stationary for more than 10 secs'. And illegal if persons don't turn off engines when asked. **WTC to ask full council to support, and for there to be also temporary signs against engine idling to go up when temp traffic lights placed.** Need to liaise with DDC environmental health team. Hot spot air pollution spots. Deal TC has a 'gun' to measure air pollution on one off basis.
- 2) SWG reported back from Dover Forum KALC meeting of 23 Oct 2024 on decisions relating to Kent Resilience Forum's exhortation July 2024, for local councils to have much more comprehensive **Local Resilience Plans** in the light of expectations of extreme weather events (climate crisis caused) and also what learned during Covid lockdowns. NB calls to recruit more flood wardens across Kent. This is key climate adaptation work. SWG liaising between DF-KALC and DDC Resilience manager David Parratt with aim of holding a workshop for reps of Dover district's 35 local councils to get these Local Resilience Plans as completed as possible soon. Some implications from KALC climate Conference 5 Nov 2024 for DDC planning dept / portfolio holder Planning / Cllrs (chair) on Planning committee.
  - Kent Fire Service very clear on dangers of wildfires, fields, grassland or woodland on edges of settlements; requirement for all new developments in such locations to have fire breaks round the edge.
  - Also to note that Southern Water have been very clear on need to dig up impermeable surfaces where possible and replace with permeable because of runoff from downpours, AND for all new developments to have permeable surfaces to prevent flooding, and that mature trees act as flood sponges and need protect.

FORMAL REQUEST that these planning implications must be more than optional preferences in Local Plan and all at DDC involved in planning need to be made aware of the importance to require developers to meet these requirements without exception.

Offer of support from KALC chief exec. on community reliance plan & compliments from her of what being done DF-KALC

Planning officer Ashley Taylor – referred to what was in Local Plan and the emerging DDC Design Code on these issues.

- 3) Report back from Deal Town Council . The rating of seabathing quality reduced to 'poor' Deal TC is calling Southern and EA to explain  
Deal Climate Action Day Nov 16<sup>th</sup>  
Look after where you live anti-litter campaign with stencils to be painted in hotspot areas.  
Work on Ocean and coastal recovery declaration and strategy starting now and will involve school and community and other local councils.  
Hedgehog friendly Deal – fence panel offers.  
New locations for planting trees & hedge pledge continues. Funding Woodland trust and DDC.
- 4) **WalmerTC** on coastal and ocean protects – Motion for the Ocean early 2024 to Defra, KCC, and DDC.  
Resolved to spend £500 on 4 quarterly sea water testing with reliable laboratory  
And working with retail and hospitality to encourage work on cutting out single use plastics WalAPP.

Qs from James on poor water quality regular spikes in late August each year what happens? in our area. Has the EA report been challenged? (Answers from Nadine of DealTC Yes but it was in line with bathing water directive govt directs . Sue Beer of Deal TC comment is this related to 2<sup>nd</sup> homeowner properties or misconnections. Comment from Sarah Walmer TC spikes all round UK coasts in autumn is this related to sludge cakes going on fields in a very wet year. You will be aware the public are scrutinizing this intently and we had a public meeting in Walmer last week organized by community, deputy leader DDC Jamie Pout speaking from audience at public meeting very useful. Very useful to have had DDC Overview and Scrutiny focusing on this 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. We are working together on this – the public meeting concentrated minds – watch this space.

WalmerTC other stuff 2<sup>nd</sup> work group WCCP will be happening 16<sup>th</sup> Jan to help biodiversity on Walmers foreshore.

We continue to offer the 'identify where you are losing energy & heat' with Thermal Imaging camera. Notice later on Agenda the box of heat saving tricks offer from DDC we appreciate it.

'Pensioners just missing out' being promoted to those in fuel poverty.

We manage Hawkshill Freedown .

We are still waiting for DDC (solicitor?) to sign off on Churchill Avenue neglected green space. 18 months now.

- 5) **Sandwich TC** Paul Carter– talking to DDC about insulating its ancient houses.

Have had guidance from WalmerTC about the thermal imaging camera service

Working on tree & hedge planting:

The Donkey paddock off Woodnesborough Rd – is being tended for biodiversity & replanted with native trees & plants.

Work to improve flow of the Delf stream. Q from Stacey; Have you spoken with Internal drainage board?

Comment on Planning from Ashley: conservation zones and ancient houses and have secondary glazing.

Comment Sarah new advice from Historic England about what is allowed on climate mitigation / insulation: will circulate.

- 6) **Transition Dover** Liz Hayes. Dover swop shop – promoting money saving and re-use of children's clothes and toys. Jan 18<sup>th</sup> Beacon church.11 – 1pm. Dover Repair Café back on 29 Jan Biggin Hall 6.30pm. Bridge street wildlife garden – planning on taking on the raised beds outside Red Lion in Dover. Ash wildlife friendly village Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Feb Wildlife Day. Dover Eco Café, save cash & save planet repromoted. Asked our MP to attend the second reading of Climate and Nature Bill on Fri 24<sup>th</sup> because he still hasn't committed to this. Pam Brivio of Dover TC spoke about the River Dour going through Dover; sub-group at DoverTC needs to meet soon to find where plans are up to area near St James development. Port of Dover are doing sampling test of water quality at 15 different points between Kearsney abbey and Dover beach. Some evidence of nanoplastics that have harmful health effects.
- 7) **Sonja Watsham of DealWithIt and East Kent Climate Action.** We met with MP Mike Tapp on 25 Oct and are badgering him to attend Climate and Nature Bill, he promised to meet us every 6 months. Deal Repair Café up and running in 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Several showing of film 3 inches of soil that shows urgent need for regenerative, nature friendly farming Gleaning 21toones in 2024 distributed across 40 local organisations that reach needy. Savings on energy bills we have info point again in Deal Library in Jan and Feb. Good to attend the Deal TC Climate Action Day. The damage to the sea by plastic we took the anti-plastics whale to March for Clean Water in London 3 Nov. Liz worked with Temple Ewell primary who had seen whale on cutting waste project.
- 8) **Waste Site** visit at materials recovery site Thurs April 3<sup>rd</sup> incinerator visit in morning and have 2pm meeting CI & N forum in afternoon.
- 9) DDC officer James Traynor on the **Energy Efficiency boxes** (approx. 10 to start) that DDC will provide partner town councils with EE boxes free. Containing; 50 items or so of packs of, for example, reflective screen; door stop ; air gap holders ; insulation tape and **Thermal Imaging Cameras** so that local councils can use the camera and hand out items to encourage more people to act to make homes energy efficient. Available from Feb. TIC's need recalibrating annually, approx. cost £100.
- 10) **One year review of DDC Climate & Nature Forum.** JT 2 hour meetings are better. Sharing good practice at getting things done. 4 towns plus Aylesham & community group Dover, community group Deal/ Walmer, Sandwich ECG to be invited. Collaboration, use KCC opportunities, Liz suggests can we share information more widely not,

minutes are on climate section of DDC website, not on meetings section of DDC site. Try and get minutes out 5 days in advance. KALC will get minutes out to all 35 local parishes – Glynis Farthing is the sec of Dover area cttee of KALC. Minutes of mtg 16 Oct 2024 agreed.

- 11) Folkestone & Canterbury DC climate officers have been consulted by James T about Climate Action Fund national lottery funding; talk to local councils about if they are interested DDC would do governance ; local councils would roll out projects deliver – example of sustainable future forums and Library of things ; £500,000
- 12) Updates DDC: Local Plan adopted. Also the battery boxes which store like night storage heaters helps grid balance demand and land owners like PCs can earn 25K ; Carbon savings of 160tonnes per box per year can be achieved. Aylesham have done this.

James has attended- SAG sustainability action group and climate change network CCN/ KCC; Climate ? team we should announce DDC carbon neutral late 2025 – stellar Carbon session Hythe

Feasibility of a DDC **Heat Network** delivery we are looking at scoping this for DDC this year. One possibility is hot mine water in Snowdown mine. Or warm water from swimming pool ? Exploring poss for Tides  
Govt pledge is 20% of UK on heat networks by 2050.

Local Authority Net zero meeting. DealTC Climate Action day. Kent Community Energy event in November who could provide larger roof owners with solar roof array without money needed up front.

End 1h 53 mins.

## **Report to WTC on launch of new community campaign group Save Our Seas Deal and Walmer (SOSDAW).**

On Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 there was a public meeting in Walmer Parish Hall to launch this new community campaign. The launch meeting was chaired by myself Sarah Waite-Gleave, and I made clear this was me acting as an individual not on behalf of WTC. The groundwork to set up the community group was done by myself and 2 others over the festive period, and has the support of East Kent Climate Action group.

The carefully thought out aims of the group are contained within the petition [www.change.org/p/clean-deal-walmer-coastal-waters](http://www.change.org/p/clean-deal-walmer-coastal-waters) launched on 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan which now has around 1500 signatures. The aims were informed by detailed study of the comments of Southern Water and Environment Agency representatives who attended the DDC Overview & Scrutiny committee meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024. The petition focuses on the local situation but in its background context section provides brief details of the difficult national situation relating to the water industry and the 2 Water Bills on parliament's books.

The aim is to push the water company Southern Water and DDC to work with Environment agency to do all clean up necessary and to enable EA to do a 'step change' process to regrade seabathing water quality from 'poor' to sufficient or higher by Dec 2025. The 'Things you can do' Information sheet handed out at the meeting urged the public to report observed pollution / surface water problems to the EA hotline on 0800 807060

The WTC (CEWG) decision to do 4 quarterly seawater quality tests using a responsible laboratory; and the DealTC decision to do an Ocean and Coastal recovery strategy and declaration & our WTC Motions for the Ocean which caused us to write to DEFRA, KCC and DDC earlier this year, when mentioned in public, have met with appreciation.

The DDC deputy leader Jamie Pout (cabinet member for transport and environmental services) chose to attend the SOSDAW meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan and he provided useful information from the floor. DDC plan to find out what progress has been made by the water company and EA at a meeting in February. W & D Town councils may be invited to send representatives.

The community group has an email address [sosdealandwalmer@gmail.com](mailto:sosdealandwalmer@gmail.com) and instagram account @sosdealandwalmer and a bluesky account. It is seeking information from the public on any sightings of tankers subcontracted by Southern Water (approximately dates and locations in CT14 area) as such evidence is likely to help with a speedy clean up and regrading of our coastal waters.

SOSDAW spokespersons such as myself are careful to point out that realism not over-reaction is useful in the circumstances. That individual swimmers can each decide what the health risk is in our fast-flowing currents BUT our water quality deteriorating steadily since 2019 and an official warning in Nov 2024 is a big problem for all local community organisers of events that need Public Liability Insurance viz rowing regatta, sailing regatta, boxing day dip, deal tri events etc etc.

**For discussion at CEWG. Document compiled and submitted to CEWG by Sarah Waite-Gleave**

Encouraging a company to set up a car club, (examples such as CO-WHEELS or ENTERPRISE) in Walmer for anyone in the CT14 area, residents of visitors.

Details of 2 possibilities below.

**Co Wheels** is in a number of towns nationally, the nearest is Tunbridge Wells. (page 2 gives details of Co-wheels business model.)

**Enterprise** is in a number of towns nationally, the nearest is Ashford. (Have been requested to send details.)

In their own words: "Co Wheels was set up to provide an environmentally friendly, socially just, community-based alternative to car ownership. Co Wheels has grown to become the UK's largest community interest car club operator. We now operate pay-as-you go car clubs, pool car fleet management and franchise operations in over 60 towns and cities across the UK with a 24/7 call centre. Our primary focus is to help our members save money, reduce car ownership and creating a cleaner environment by making lower emission transport operations available to everyone.

Co Wheels is financed and backed by one of the world's largest car manufacturers SAIC Motor Corporation (which owns the MG brand in UK), which ensures it is innovative and dynamic with smart mobility solutions. Unlike traditional commercial car hire companies, Co Wheels offers a genuine and transparent pricing structure with no added extras for young drivers or weekend rates."

In West Sussex there are 9 car clubs

Co-Wheels locations

- Billingshurst
- Chichester
- Crawley
- Horsham
- Worthing

Enterprise Car Club locations

- Crawley
- Haywards Heath
- Shoreham-By-Sea
- Worthing

"Enterprise Car Club rental costs include fuel, insurance, servicing and breakdown cover. This, when combined by the fact that you can rent by the hour or day 24/7 all year round, makes vehicle hire much more affordable for so many more people. Not only does Enterprise Car Club make such travel more financially obtainable, but the fact that we offer rental options to those aged between 19-24 opens this mode of transport to younger drivers who are otherwise prohibited from renting vehicles from rental branches until they are 25."

Link shows how Enterprise car club membership works in Ashford.

<https://www.enterpriseclub.co.uk/gb/en/programs/regions/south-east-england/ashford-kent.html>

"Additionally, if you have, or are impacted by, an impairment, disability or health condition, you'll find information [here](#) to help you with your vehicle rental, such as how to nominate a surrogate driver on your account. "





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**RE: Process of setting up a new co-wheels car club location ?**

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**From** Jonathan Collinson <Jonathan.Collinson@co-wheels.org.uk>

**Date** Fri 1/24/2025 10:15 AM

**To** Cllr. Sarah Waite-Gleave <cllsarahwaite-gleave@walmercouncil.co.uk>

Good Morning Sarah,

Thank you for contacting Co Wheels. We are always interested in expanding our presence into new locations and we would be happy to discuss how we could bring a car club to Walmer which could see residents and visitors to the town alike be able to access low emission shared vehicles.

Our approach for smaller locations like Walmer is that they would require some form of subsidy as a pump priming mechanism. Any local funding helps to support the first three years or so of operation until the scheme becomes viable. We would always recommend launching in a new location with a minimum of two vehicles which for a fully electric vehicle would require funding of around £24,000 plus VAT per vehicle or £16,000 for a petrol hybrid for the initial three years. This includes:

- Vehicle Lease for 3 years
- Telematics in the vehicles to allow access
- Booking system software to book vehicles
- Fully comprehensive Insurance
- Fortnightly cleaning inside and out
- Fortnightly routine maintenance checks (40 point checks)
- Member Call centre 24 / 7 service
- Marketing of vehicles

At the end of the three years providing the cars have proved to be commercially viable we would then look to continue providing the car club with no additional funding required.

For electric vehicles each car would need its own dedicated charge point to which the car would be returned at the end of each booking. From a charge point perspective we would ideally look for fast chargers (7-22kwh) which can be activated by an RFID card that would live in the vehicle and be used by members to put the car on charge at the end of each booking.

I trust that the above is of use, however should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me, and if it would be worthwhile setting up a call to discuss further I'd be more than happy to do so.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Jonathan

**Jonathan Collinson**  
Business Development Manager (England & Wales)

### Suggestion from SWG – Promoting Car Sharing

Do we want to promote on our website and social media these 2 car-sharing platforms ?

<https://kentconnected.org/commute-smarter/car-share/>

<https://liftshare.com/uk/community/km>