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**Minutes of the Climate Emergency Working Group Meeting**  
**Held 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 Via Zoom**

**1. PRESENT**

Cllr John Lonsdale (Chair), Cllr S Le Chevalier (Taking Notes), Cllr S Fisher, Cllr D Thompson, Cllr M Eddy, Cllr P St Ange.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations made.

**3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Agreed and signed off

**4. PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS**

**Transport**

- **EV charging points**
  - Latest usage figures received. Cllr Lonsdale to work with Deputy Clerk Roland Aldred to increase signage particularly on Dover Road.
  - Email response from Cllr Vinson of DDC regarding the future of charging points in Walmer, and response from Cllr Lonsdale shared and noted.
- **Section 106 funding for Electric transport infrastructure**
  - Email from Cllr Lonsdale to Ashley Taylor at DDC regarding need for CIL rather than S106 contributions from developers received and noted.
- **Cycle storage at Walmer Station:**
  - Tender returns have now been received and are going through evaluation. On track for completion by end 2022. Cllr Lonsdale monitoring.

**Biodiversity**

- **Biodiversity on DDC land**
  - Nothing to report regarding the DDC land around Borrow Pit car park. To be chased by Cllr Le Chevalier
- **Urban Nature Reserves:**
  - Kent Wildlife Trust have been approached to conduct surveys of 3 sites owned by WTC. Awaiting reply.

- Clerk Richard Styles has confirmed to Cllr St Ange that the land behind Churchill Avenue is to be transferred to WTC and potentially will be our first Urban Nature Reserve.
- Discussed Queen Elizabeth Peace Garden proposal from Cllr Fisher.
- Excellent report by Cllr Fisher. Logo for group also received. Cllr Fisher to finalise report with suggestions from CEWG and report to be presented as an agenda item to next Full Council.

- **Walmer Beachfront**

- Update to be relayed from Clerk on discussions with DDC and English Heritage about creating a Nature Reserve on Walmer Beach. Cllr St Ange to contact DDC Officer Martin Leggatt. To be worked into plans DDC have for the Borrow Pitt Car Park area.

- Cllr St Ange to contact White Cliffs Partnership, authors of the 2014 Draft Management Plan.

- **Free trees for residents:**

Verbal report from Cllr Lonsdale on contact made with East Kent Climate Action Group regarding sourcing saplings for a potential scheme. Cllr Lonsdale awaiting reply and will chase.

- **Beebombs for residents:**

Deputy Clerk's update relayed to Councillors.

125 Walmer residents and 15 outside have expressed interest. Deputy Clerk to push scheme again where possible.

- **Bee bricks**

Cllr Le Chevalier verbal update. Report has been sent to DDC planning. No reply.

- **Nature boxes**

Verbal update from Cllr Lonsdale regarding whether the Nature Box scheme - which includes bird boxes, wildflower seeds, insect houses and bird feeders – can be supported or may be eligible for the new WTC Green Grant.

<https://naturebox.co.uk/>

Web site shared with group. Cllr Lonsdale to contact Naturebox.

## **62 The Strand, new WTC office, sustainability retrofit.**

Architect engaged, project progressing.

### **Outside projects**

- **Trim Trail:**

Cllr Eddy to contact Royal Marines to establish their level of commitment to the project. Time has come to move the funding search on if no interest.

- **Thermal Loss Heat Camera scheme:**

Currently suspended during summer months.

## **5. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR OBSERVATIONS.**

- **New WTC Green Grant**

Outline proposal was passed by Full Council on May 4th. Cllr Lonsdale to revise initial document concerning criteria for a grant. Requires application form. Suggested limit £500.00 per application.

**6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday June 22nd @ 1930 via Zoom