

The Climate Emergency Work Party Notes of the Meeting of the 15th June 6.30pm via Zoom

Present: Mr S Jarvis (Chairman) Mr P Smith, Mr M Sosnoswki,
Cllr Lou Goodger

Also, in attendance: Jude Wood, Administration & Projects Manager

Apologies:

None

Biodiversity Action Plan

SJ said Cllr James Graigy is running Bideford Wildflower initiative, they are currently working on some verges in Bideford. LG spoke to Andrew Moulton (North Devon Council) about the Yeo Valley Nature Reserve and scalping the area to allow for re-wilding, she suggested that this could be something the CEWP could investigate if we identified some areas to be done, Friends of Yeo Valley Community Group, if allowed by Barnstaple Town Council are going to scalp the roundabout at the bottom of Sticklepath Hill. LG confirmed that we would need to set up with a Volunteer Group. PS suggested we could showcase some areas that have been done at Environmental Fair with pictures etc.

Recommendation: Administration & Projects Manager to speak to Andrew Moulton re scalping areas in Fremington & guidance on working volunteer groups. SJ Going to provide map of another area in Fremington to put forward for planting wildflowers.

Information Action Packs

List to be made up into a leaflet to be posted on website, sent to Councillors, and handed out where they, other suggestion were Fremington Hall, contact Roundswell Community groups about posting n their Facebook page, MS happy to have virtual copy which can be posted on his estate page. LG suggested Midway Motors and they have been supportive in the past and Co op. MS could put some in A&E SJ suggested we could perhaps approach NDC & Barnstaple TC and discuss a district wide effort.

Recommendation: Administration & Projects Manager to mock-up leaflet SJ speak to NDC (Graham Lofthouse) & LG to speak Barnstaple Town Council to see if they would both wish to contribute with ideas and maybe towards cost of producing leaflet.

Hydrological Survey

Agreed not further action due to lack of survey provider.

Solar Panels

Administration & Projects Manager advised that RES Devon have provided quote for the panels (albeit a desktop) in the region of £6,000.00 for 4.32kW Roof Solar PV, currently waiting for a quote from Sungift.

Recommendation: Wait for quote from Sungift take their quote & RES Devon quote to Council for consideration

CEWP Terms of Reference

SJ had read through the Terms of Reference and had no objections. Other members were happy with SJ comments and all happy with the new Terms of Reference.

Fremington Parish Neighbourhood Plan (NHP)

PS reported last position was a meeting which included at least three members of representatives from NDC, meeting was good and they were going to send more formal comments about what was produced. Draft is finished. NDC said the NHP needs to be in accordance with the Local Plan – PS pointed out that Local Plan was out of date due to a Climate Emergency being declared which was agreed by NDC.

Yelland Power Station

It was noted that this planning application was refused, and this item was no longer applicable at this time for discussion. As a side note PS mentioned that he was aware that NDC & TDC instigated a local coastal flood risk document which identifies significant flood risk, and that Environment Agency are re-viewing coastal risk.

Fremington Environmental Fair

361 Energy & RES Devon willing to attend, poster & invites being worked on. 11th September agreed as a date to go forward. SJ suggested inviting vegetarian food truck. MS suggested meat from environmentally friendly farms. PS asked about 'theme' as we have information on energy saving and RES Devon who do solar & heat pumps, SJ commented that we have electric car companies. MS suggested local environmentally friendly farmers or information on how about food should be sourced. LG suggested speaking to Cllr Biderman for contacts with regards to Farmers. LG suggested contacting DASH. SJ suggested Permaculture. MS suggested perhaps ask allotments members to attend Fair. It was suggested that CEWP approach the local School to see if they would like to create a banner for the Fair along with some posters about Climate Change.

Recommendation: Administration & Projects Manager to send out invites and posters as soon possible, speak to Rachel at 361 Energy with regards to food stalls. MS to approach allotments to see if they would like a stall. Administration & Projects manager to approach School re banner & contact others as suggested above. MS to speak to someone re allotments.

Wild about Devon

Administration & Projects Manager advised of email from Mike Waller DCC Ecologist & Devon Local Nature Partnership Co-ordinator sent on behalf of Professor Michael Winter, Chair of the Devon Local Nature Partnership. The email was an invite to join the Devon Parish & Town Council Wildlife Network and attend the launch of Wild about Devon on Monday 28th June. LG said that she already has invite in her diary to attend.

Recommendation: Administration & projects manager to check if a member of CEWP can attend & send around email invite.

Any other matters

Next meeting agreed for the 13th July at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.52pm