

The Climate Emergency Work Party Notes of the Meeting of the 13th July 6.30pm via Zoom

Present: Mr P Smith, Mr M Sosnoswki,

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

Apologies:

Cllr Goodger, Mr S Jarvis (Chairman)

Environment Fair

It was noted that invites and posters had been sent out to a list of around 14 companies varying from energy companies, car manufacturers and local health food shops. To date very few replies have been received, some have not responded at all.

Recommendation: Administration & Projects Manager to send out reminders to those already contacted. PO is going to contact Bideford Sustainability Group. MS is still happy to represent allotments and is going to speak to a couple of other allotment owners about them attending the fair, one of whom keeps bees. APM to also contact School again re banner. MS also suggested contacting Bare Necessities.

Biodiversity/Re-wilding

Email from Andrew Moulton was noted.

Recommendation: APM to contact DCC to find out if they can suggest any verges for re-wilding. We currently have not managed to find any suitable sites.

Information Action Packs

Leaflet noted and agreed it looked good, not too busy. Discussed printing some leaflets to hand out at Environmental Fair. Discussion was also had with regards to creating a Facebook page for CEWP to not only keep the public up to date with CEWP information but to perhaps 'entice' people to come to a CEWP meeting with the possibility of joining the group. APM mentioned a group called The Allenstyle Gardeners who may be interested in joining CEWP and could be interested in the above item Biodiversity/Re-wilding.

Recommendation: Administration & Projects Manager to investigate leaflet printing & create Facebook page, contact The Allenstyle Gardeners to see if they would be interested in coming to a meeting.

Solar Panels for Beechfield

Administration & Projects Manager advised they now have all three desktop quotes from the companies contacted. Members would like to view quotes and then pass to Council for their consideration.

Recommendation: APM to send quotes out to PO, SJ & MS to look over and pass comments back to Council for consideration.

Bike Racks

Item moved to next Agenda.

Electrical Car Charging Points – Beechfield Car Park

MS commented that the Solar Panel companies may include a car charging point as part of a package offer with Solar Panel installation at Beechfield.

Recommendation: APM to contact Solar Panel companies to see if this is something they offer. Full item moved to next Agenda for discussion.

Any other matters

Administration & Projects Manager informed the CEWP that when the Parish Council's energy contracts are renewed, they will all automatically be renewed on green energy contracts – this has been organised through Utility Aid who can support us on our journey to Net-Zero, they have an energy assessor who can provide carbon management reports. Help us plan and fund and provide a strategy including when you can see a return in investment.

Next meeting agreed for the 24th of August at 6.30pm – later in the month due to holiday commitments.

The meeting closed at 7.23pm