

Basingstoke Transition Network

Meeting on Tuesday 6th August 2019, 7.00 pm, Innovation Centre, Norden House, Basing View, Basingstoke RG21 4HG

Present: Martin Biermann (MB), Malcolm MacInnes (MM), Rob Score (RS), Bob Clifford (BC), Sheila Peacock (SP);
Apologies: Martin Heath (MH).

1. Approval of minutes, and matters arising not covered elsewhere

Minutes were approved.

Matters arising:

Item 2 – MB received payment for printing;

Item 3a – MM to send Lucy the paragraph from 2018 Green Week brochure describing stalls in The Malls. **Action – MM.**

Item 3f – SP to chase BCAC about Green Week actions. **Action – SP.**

2. Green Week

(a) Stall, flyers – SP and MM met with two student volunteers: SP to continue to encourage them up to the day. SP has received publicity material from “Ethical Consumer”. One World Week has promised flyers in return for a donation: SP’s offer accepted to pay ~£10 from own money for maximum flyers (for distribution to those likely to use them – church and community leaders and teachers); SP to keep trying ETA (car-free day); and ring Stagecoach (flyer on buses for car-free day) and Basingstoke Together (local loyalty card scheme); and ask MH for leaflets from BES Co-Op and Friends of the Earth, and Lucy Martins for leaflets on climate policy from the Borough Council (known to exist but might be out of date). **Action – SP.** [Note – email received this evening from Gill Phipps who has made contact with Stagecoach and been promised a reply within 5 days, and has sent to Basingstoke Rewards special email address – I await replies!].

(b) Insurance – RS to contact Serena Coombs to ensure that premium demand (due in mid-September) comes to him promptly for payment and to have insurance address transferred to his. **Action – RS.**

(c) CafeSci – Bob Whitmarsh has agreed to give the CafeSci talk on Mon 30th Sept (7.30 pm, Tea Bar), on “Treatment of an enlarged carbon footprint”, and is to give the same talk to Oakley Green Week.

3. Following up with Cllr. Rhatigan

He asked for comments on his priorities for the Borough, which we haven’t given him, and he hasn’t given us feedback on BTN’s climate manifesto. SP to circulate his priority list for comment. **Action – SP, All.**

4. Following up Climate Change motions (BDBC and HCC)

Agreed MM check the resolution eventually passed by BDBC against BTN’s climate change manifesto, and discuss at next meeting. **Action – MM.** (text of motion is on BDBC website under 18th July Council meeting: it is the Labour Party motion, unamended). MB intends to attend the next Cabinet meeting (10th September) and speak, to reinforce the need for prompt action. **Action – MB.**

5. Local Plan and other Council doings (EPH 5th Sept, CEP 25th);

No agendas published yet so we can’t plan to attend. MM circulated his list of planning points by which to gauge planning proposals, and MB commented on it. **Action - All** to comment; **Action – MM and MB** to clarify scoring system.

6. Freight hub – RS' professional opinion is that this won't work in Basingstoke because of lack of space for long trains and large cranes to unload freight containers. Agreed we watch for developments elsewhere (the original idea was described at HCAN on 29th June and focused on Eastleigh sidings).

7. Cafe Scientifique October – BC reports that Helen Littler has agreed to give her talk on design of cycle paths (given at Winchester CafeSci last week). Suggested he tell Heather Rainbow for Cycle Basingstoke, and if necessary invite Cycle Basingstoke to put in some financial support. **Action – BC.**

8. Date of next meeting - Tuesday 3rd September - SP will be absent and is not able to draw up the agenda – MB will do this and MM will take minutes. **Action – MB, MM.**

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.