

Basingstoke Transition Network
Meeting on Tuesday 5th November 2019, 7.00 pm, Norden House, Basing View,
Basingstoke RG21 4HG

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

Apologies: Martin Heath (MH).

1. **Minutes of last meeting** (8th October 2019) – were accepted as a correct record;

2. **Matters arising not covered elsewhere:**

2. SP to check she did send our comments on Green Week to Lucy Martins at BDBC – (no I didn't – just done it now).

5. SP and MM attended Hampshire Climate Action Network on 26th Oct;

6. RS paid £165 of his own money for the insurance premium and has reimbursed himself (countersigned by SP) from BTN's account. SP to ask BCAC to release half of this (£82.50) from its savings at present stored in BTN's account. The remainder should be met by donations by individual BTN members. **Action – SP, All.** [Rob will provide the bank details if you want to make direct transfers.]

3. **General Election hustings meeting**

Agreed to pursue this in principle. Christ Church, Chineham, has agreed in principle that we have free use of its large auditorium. MB suggested Thursday 28th November.

Agreed:

(a) SP to chase One Church Basingstoke (1CB) to see if it is interested in co-hosting the event; deadline Tues 12th for a response; **Action – SP;**

(b) SP to ask BCAC if they are willing to co-host; **Action – SP;**

(c) All to try to find contact details of candidates' agents and circulate these by email with subject "BTN Hustings"; **Action – All;** the Gazette lists candidates from Brexit, Labour, Conservative and LibDem; MH mentioned a Green candidate; all to be invited. We note that the LibDems and a local group in favour of the People's Vote are both meeting in Top of Town in the evening of Tuesday 12th so it should be possible for someone to attend both and publicise the hustings;

(d) SP to send agents the queries used at previous elections and a tentative invitation to the hustings, requesting dates when candidates are available and a response to the questionnaire in any case; **Action – SP;**

(e) The format of the hustings should be the same as was used by Basingstoke Churches Together in 2015, i.e. time at beginning for short speech by each candidate; then questions sent in beforehand and questions from the floor; then summing-up speeches by candidates. Chair needs to be neutral: if 1CB can be engaged then a clergy person might be a good choice.

4. **Hampshire Climate Action Network meeting** 26th Oct – SP and MM attended; notes of the meeting have been circulated to attenders.

5. **Local Plan and MM's scoring sheet**

We agree to try out MM's scoring sheet on some current planning applications; SP to recirculate it. **Action – SP, All;**

6. **Cafe Scientifique**

Monday 25th November, “Fungi are more than Soup”; BC is seeking speakers for January and February and hopes to re-engage MH who failed to respond or turn up for the October session. He invites suggestions of speakers. **Action – All.**

7. **Borough Council Climate Emergency** – no news from MH on progress on this; SP put written questions to Manydown Overview Committee on labour conditions during Manydown project and was promised written reply but has not yet received it; BDBC Full Council will discuss projects for the Climate Emergency Motion, being prepared by the newly appointed Project Manager: MB intends to write to the Council Leader urging more speedy action. SP was unable to access County Council meetings website to find out about upcoming meetings there.

8. **Next meeting** – Tuesday 3rd December, 7.00 pm, place to be announced: if BES Co-op has moved to Belvedere House we shall not be able to enter there for a meeting unless MH can let us in. **Action – SP** to ask MH.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.