

Basingstoke Transition Network
Meeting on Tuesday 3rd November 2020, 7.00 pm, by Zoom

Present: Martin Biermann (MB), Paul Beevers (PB), Paul Harvey (PH), Miranda Chubb (MC), Gillian Brown (GB), Lucy Jones (LJ), Bob Clifford (BC), Malcolm MacInnes (MM), Sheila Peacock (SP);

Apologies: Sarah Warriss-Simmons

1. **Minutes of last meeting** – Accepted with change of “Lions Clubs” to “Rotary International” in item 12(d).

2. **Matters arising not covered elsewhere**

Item 2 – MB contacted Cllr. Mike Westbrook and had email exchanges with the headteacher and swimming pool project leader of Cranborne School and found them very interested, and a meeting was proposed for next week (coronavirus situation permitting) – thanks to MC for bringing up this opportunity.

Item 3, ref. Item 6 of August’s minutes: MM to contact Lucy Martins asking for green directory. **Action – MM.**

Item 4 – MB now has bank account card, card reader and PIN; SP is receiving bank statements; **we still need a treasurer;**

Item 5 – No response from David Ainsworth, Urban & Civic – **Action – SP** to chase;

Item 7 – No reply yet from Council leaders to letter written by SP asking to be seen as well as heard at Council meetings online;

Item 8 – PB, SP and MM attended a meeting of HCAN members with Terena Plowright, director of the Greening Campaign, which is an independent organisation being contracted by Hampshire County Council. See <http://www.greening-campaign.org>

Her aim is to provide support for local and parish councils and community groups that have no experience of greening or climate change so that they can get their act and their communities together to take actions to reduce carbon footprint. The actions are things like plastic reduction and home insulation and, but only as a second stage, campaigning. So groups like BTN don't need her help so much. She said that BDBC is involved, but not how. I gathered, though, that HCC was providing funding for local councils to buy the resource packs that she sells. These cost £50 each, partly because she needs the money (she has no other support for her work except subsidy from her other self-employment) and partly to make the councils etc. value the packs (psychology - £50 is enough so they have to discuss a budget allocation but not so much as to be offputting). 24 local or parish councils in Hampshire have taken up the resource packs so far, apparently.

Item 12c – **Action - SP** still to do (ask Borough Council its attitude to Greening Campaign).

3. **Schools solar**

Further to Item 2 of previous meeting, MC has sent the letter with BTN heading to five schools, and composed a factsheet drawing attention to the finance available via Salix Ltd. SP sent this to HCAN co-chairs Carol Bartholomew and Sue James. They thought it most efficient to send the sheet directly to Hampshire County Council climate team officers Chitra Nadarajah and Mike Culver, which they did. SP also wrote to Andover Transition Town and Andover FoE, but it turns out that Carol Bartholomew is on both of these so it is already known to them.

4. **BTN response to Council Local Plan (d/l 9 Nov) and Climate Change/Air Pollution (d/l 15th Nov) consultations**

For the Climate Change/Air Pollution consultation we agreed that the document released in May as BTN's early submission to the Local Plan process was appropriate and should be sent to all Councillors, if possible with an amendment drawing attention to light and noise pollution problems. **Action – SP, Martin Heath (has original)**. We spent the remainder of the meeting preparing replies to selected queries in the Local Plan Issues and Options consultation document. SP will circulate these for further comment by Saturday, and submit it in an appropriate format. **Action – all, SP**.

5. Cafe Scientifique

The meeting on “Rewilding” hosted by Winchester Cafe Sci on 2nd November was excellent and encouraging, particularly the willingness of landowners to work with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust.

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday 1st December 2020.