

Basingstoke Transition Network
Meeting on Tuesday 1st December 2020, 7.00 pm, by Zoom

Present: Martin Biermann (MB), Colin Andrews (visitor) (CA), Miranda Chubb (MC), Martin Heath (MH), Paul Beevers (PB), Arun Mummalaneni (AM), Malcolm MacInnes (MM), Sarah Warriss-simmons (SWS), Sheila Peacock;
Apologies: Bob Clifford, Lucy Jones.

1. We welcomed Colin Andrews, who had become interested in green and sustainability matters and contacted MH via Facebook; he apologised for the absence of his wife Mary.

2. **Minutes of previous meeting** – were accepted;

3. **Matters arising:**

Still to be done:

Item 2 (item 3 of October meeting) – MM to ask Lucy Martins about green directory;

Item 2 (item 12c of October meeting) – SP to ask Sam Taylor about Greening Campaign;

We need a treasurer.

Item 2 (Item 7 of October meeting) – SP received a reply from the Mayor saying that Council and committee meetings from 14th December onward would allow public participants to be seen as well as heard while speaking.

Item 4 – SP submitted BTN response agreed at previous meeting to Borough Council consultation on Local Plan; individuals submitted responses to Local Plan and Climate Change consultations; some received personal acknowledgements from Sam Taylor, climate change officer.

4. **Meeting with Urban & Civic on Manydown, Monday 14th December 2-3 pm**

MB, MH, MC, MM and PB intend to attend; SP will stand by. Rebecca Smith is U&C's Communications, Charities and Partnerships Manager for Manydown. We hope to hear more about what U&C's plans are, but agreed that we should make point that Council/U&C's plans for Manydown are not ambitious enough, and that more infrastructure and preparation are needed to make it net-zero. We agreed to make three main points:

- That the development needs to be zero-carbon;
- Infrastructure including green infrastructure needs to be planned;
- The development needs to be future proof.

SWS pointed out that U&C's website makes many policy statements about Manydown that we should use in our presentation.

Other points made were that the buildings should be prefabricated in a purpose-built factory in Basingstoke, using local timber wherever possible, to achieve the greatest carbon neutrality and lock-in, as well as providing local employment and skills.

5. **Schools solar**

MH is visiting Cranborne School on Saturday to discuss solar energy for the swimming pool, and also King's Furlong school (via a contact with a school governor) to discuss replacement of gas boiler and single-glazed windows under Public Sector Decarbonisation scheme. Four Lanes school and a school in Fleet are also interested.

6. Local Elections May 2021

We agreed to plan to hold a hustings, and that it would need to be partly or wholly virtual (possibly using Christ Church, Chineham for the face-to-face part). AM offered to provide technical assistance, and has an appropriate Zoom licence (the meeting might use Zoom Webinar technology and/or participation via YouTube). CA has experience of an “open microphone” online meeting. **Action – SP. AM** to work up a proposal. (AM left at this point).

7. HCAN items

(a) Agreed BTN sign up to Hampshire Green Travel Network and MB be contact. **Action – MB.**

(b) Hampshire 2050 partnership – put link to document on website but check that links within it work. **Action – SP.**

8. Council meetings 15th, 16th, 17th December

No agendas are available for these but since we have been granted video access we should make the most of it. Manydown Overview Committee on 15th requires, at minimum, someone to go along and repeat the three bullet points in item 4 above. CEP on 16th will need to await the agenda. Full Council on 17th can accept questions on any subject relevant to BDBC responsibilities, so we agreed that we'd severally apply for two-minute slots to speak on:

- Government proposal to extend national parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. PB hears from Natural England that a proposal to link the North West Hants AONB with the South Downs National Park would be treated favourably.

- Climate and Ecology Emergency Bill – this is a Private Members' Bill to Parliament and is unlikely to be supported explicitly by the Council, but the principles in it could be advanced;

- After 18 months from the declaration of the Climate Emergency, the Council's rate of progress is inadequate; there is scope for mentioning build-back after COVID-19 here too.

The meeting finished at 8.35 pm.

Next meeting – Tuesday 5th January 2021, by Zoom.