

**Basingstoke Transition Network**  
**Meeting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021, 7.00 pm, by Zoom**

Present: Paul Beevers (PB), Paul Harvey (PH) (left after item 4), Miranda Chubb (MC), Martin Biermann (MB), Bob Clifford (BC), Colin Andrews (CA), Mary Andrews (MA) (left after Item 3), Malcolm MacInness (MM), Sheila Peacock (SP);

Apologies: Martin Heath (MH), Sarah Warriss-Simmons (SW-S).

**1. Minutes of meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March** – were accepted;

**2. Matters arising from the minutes**

5. MH and MC have written to the Gazette; a meeting with a Gazette journalist is scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> April (see below);

SP posed a question at full Council on 18<sup>th</sup> March but on encouraging local sustainable industry not air pollution;

13(a) of February – MB asked but did not find out the official reason for the cancellation of the Manydown Overview Committee meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> February.

**3. Manydown Standard**

MB presented version 21.04a of the BTN Manydown Standard. PB wished to make a number of detailed comments, which he agreed to email to SP. **Action – SP.** Comments by him and others during the meeting were:

- Opening paragraph should refer to “climate and ecological services emergency”;
- Typo on first page – “varies” should be “various”;
- 1.1 “sports facilities” rather than “sport fields”;
- 2.5 Integrate pedestrian/cycling network with green infrastructure;
- 2.8 Rephrase to avoid any suggestion that the ring road be extended around the west side of the town, e.g. insert “existing” - ?
- 2.11 “zebra/toucan crossings”;
- Section 3 - Refer to “sustainably produced construction materials”;
- 3.1 add “warden-supported accommodation (this is implied in 3.4);
- 4.7 “no fossil fuel gas” on the site; and suggest that a district heat network be community-owned, or some phrasing to avoid the problems of people being locked-in to expensive payments for community heat;
- Section 6 – the community should have assets to provide the funding to keep green infrastructure in good condition, rather than being totally dependent on council funding.

PB and MB will agree the final wording within a fortnight. The document is to be submitted firstly to Urban & Civic, then to the chair of the Manydown Overview Committee and the Cabinet portfolio holder, and then to the Gazette (with a useful summary to go straight on to their Climate Change page) and on our website. **Action – PB, MB.**

**4. Meeting with Gazette (Katie French)**

MB, MC, MM and CA offered to join MH at this meeting. PB expressed concern that the Gazette was not able to investigate or comment critically on developers’ press releases.

**Action – MH** to circulate link to meeting to these people.

**5. Hustings**

MB expressed thanks to CA for his work so far on the hustings with Jonathan Clark from Christ Church Chineham.

Agreed on *date*, **7 pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April** [but not duration – 1 ½ hours?]. Co-ordinators and panellists to start at 6.30 pm to ensure system is working.

PH will receive a list of candidates after the deadline for nominations on 8<sup>th</sup> April, and pass it to MB. We think we can accept one rep from each of up to eight groups/parties.

*Invitations* can be sent until we know how many groups there are. [MB will send the invitations?] **Action – MB.**

*Meeting chair* – Anthony Bravo (BCOT principal – green credentials from having solar panels installed on BCOT); suggestions of second/third choices welcome. **Action – MB** to ask him; **All** to think of alternatives;

*Publicity* – can be started now. Advertise on BTN Facebook and website (**Action – MC**), and on local community websites (**Action – BC**) and via the Gazette (**Action – MH and others on Friday 9th**). Advertisements should include:

- Date and time;
- Address for pre-meeting questions is [secretary@basingstoketransition.org](mailto:secretary@basingstoketransition.org); deadline Sat 17<sup>th</sup> April;
- Link to YouTube feed and to BTN and any other Facebook accounts that will have live feed (**Action – SP, MH** to accredit CA as admin on BTN Facebook so he can set it up);
- Questions on the night will be taken only through one feed, either the YouTube feed or via “Slido” (<https://www.sli.do>) – CA to investigate. **Action – CA;**

SP, MB and MM will consider pre-submitted questions and select/merge suitable ones for presentation to the meeting chair;

#### *On the night*

- CA's friend will handle streaming the Zoom feed to YouTube and various Facebooks;
- MB will make opening remarks;
- SP will co-ordinate incoming live questions and feed these to the chair via the Zoom Chat (might need to get a YouTube account – **Action - SP**);
- CA will act as co-host and manage the muting/unmuting of microphones;
- BC's friend from Winchester CafeSci, William Vine, might give advice or even act as Zoom host - **Action – BC** to ask him; Zoom host gets to decide whether to use Speaker View or Gallery View.

MB suggested that we have a practice run a few days beforehand. **Action – MB and CA** to arrange this.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

**Next meeting** – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021, 7.00 pm by Zoom.