

Basingstoke Transition Network
Annual General Meeting, Tuesday 7th September 2021,
7.00-8.00 pm, by Zoom, code 864 9879 5399 pass 861748

1. Annual report and financial report;
2. Elections for officers:
 - (a) Chair;
 - (b) Secretary;
 - (c) Treasurer;
 - (d) Vice-Chair
 - (e) Any other positions to be filled.
3. AOB and discussion of future activities

The AGM will be followed by our normal business meeting (separate agenda, likely to include one or more of: Green Week, the Local Plan, Manydown, COP26, and the Ecological Emergency).

Sheila Peacock, Secretary, Basingstoke Transition Network.

Report 2019-2021

Our last AGM was on 30th May 2019. Since then we have NOT BEEN IDLE, other distractions notwithstanding:

- We supported Basingstoke Clean Air Campaign to carry out a no-idling campaign for cars waiting outside two local schools;
- We and the Council arranged Green Week 2019 including our regular stall in Castle Square and Brookvale Sustainability Day; it was generally successful although attendance was poor at some events;
- We have kept up pressure on the Manydown plans with regular speaking at Manydown Overview Committee and two meetings with officials from Urban & Civic; and have written our own "Manydown Standard" and released it to press and public;
- We have had meetings with Cabinet-level councillors including Cllr. Ken Rhatigan, the then-new Council Leader, on 8th July 2019, Cllrs. Ruffell and Eachus on 15th June 2020, and Cllr. Mark Ruffell, in his new cabinet post for environment and climate improvement, on 5th July 2021;
- We and other members of Hampshire Climate Action Network worked to have the County Council pass a climate emergency motion;
- We organised a hustings for four candidates for the Basingstoke constituency in the December 2019 general election, on 28th November 2019 at, and with the co-operation of, Christ Church Chineham, and chaired by Chris Tomblin. The meeting was well attended and the candidates gave answers to the audience's and pre-submitted questions;
- We campaigned for the Borough Council to create a Supplementary Planning Document to allow climate-emergency considerations to be applied to the current Local Plan; a motion was passed at the council meeting on 16th July 2020 to look into this;
- We submitted a paper setting out our views and priorities for the next round of the Local Plan, to come into effect in 2025;
- Rob Score stood down as treasurer in June 2020 and was replaced by Colin Andrews;
- BTN members worked with local schools and Queen Mary College to encourage them to take part in the Solar on Schools scheme;
- BTN supported a campaign and petition against the felling of mature trees at the M3

Junction 7 distribution hub after planning permission was granted on the basis of what we believe was inadequate documentation;

- We submitted a response to the Borough Council's Climate Change and Air Quality Strategy in November 2020;

- We met with the editor (Katie French) of the Basingstoke Gazette to discuss coverage of BTN issues;

- We ran an online hustings for the May 2021 Borough Council elections on 21st April, chaired by Anthony Bravo, with representatives of the main political council groupings, a Green Party candidate, a Women's Equality Party candidate, and a solitary independent, with Zoom and YouTube participation; the candidates answered a number of questions on "green" matters;

- After the election we held a Q&A session for local councillors, which was attended by 24 from all council political groupings and was addressed by Martin Heath on future energy and Paul Beevers on biodiversity;