

**Basingstoke Transition Network**  
**Meeting on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2021, 7:00 pm, by Zoom**

Present: Martin Biermann (MB) (chair), Paul Beevers (PB), Martin Heath (MH), Miranda Chubb (MC), Bob Clifford (BC), Arun Mummalaneni (AM), Michael Howard-Sorrell (MH-S), Malcolm MacInnes (MM), Sheila Peacock (SP);  
Apologies: Paul Harvey, Lucy Jones, Gillian Brown, Colin Andrews (CA).

1. **We welcomed Michael Howard-Sorrell** to our meeting – he is the newly elected Labour councillor for Brookvale (note AM is Conservative councillor in the same ward). We agreed that his name could be added to the BTN Committee email list. **Action – SP.**

2. **Minutes of last meeting** – were approved without modification. Thanks to MC for doing them.

3. **Matters Arising from the minutes**

Item 2, 5<sup>th</sup> bullet – Junction 7 – PB has sent an official complaint at the lack of material information, particularly on trees, in the officers' report to the Development Control Committee. Dummer Parish Council is trying to get the DCC to reconsider.

Item 7 – MM wrote to Cllr. Ruffell asking about the five types of green infrastructure sites (for which the Council was seeking nominations) but received an unhelpful reply referring to MH's letter on the same subject.

Item 8 – MC and MH still to get together on producing BTN's four top priorities to send to Cllr. Ruffell (and suggest a future meeting?). **Action – MH and MC.**

4. **Ecological Emergency Motion**

PB wrote to Cllr. Ruffell with a proposed motion and has just sent a reminder after receiving no reply. AM will try to find out if Cllr. Ruffell has received these emails. SP will write on behalf of BTN, sending PB's draft motion and asking for its consideration; depending on the reply we will try to interest the leaders of the Council's other political groupings in reaching a consensus on a motion. **Action – PB, SP.**

5. **Green Week; Silchester eco-fair**

MM is chasing Overton and Oakley green groups to be involved in Brookvale Sustainability Day and present climate toolkits. "Sustainable Silchester" (sustainable-silchester.org) has organised an eco fair on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September and is looking for BTN involvement.

**Action – All** to consider whether they can offer anything; **Action – SP** to add to BTN website an advertisement of the Silchester occasion and a note offering BTN speakers at eco-fairs in the Borough. MC has written to Chineham and Basingstoke libraries asking them to put up displays for National Green Week but has not yet had a response. She will publicise National ("the Big") Green Week on our Facebook page nearer the time. **Action – MC.**

6. **AGM**

Agreed we have the AGM as succinctly as possible during our next business meeting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September. **Action – SP.** CA will produce a financial summary. **Action – CA.** MB reminded everyone that replacement chair and secretary need to be found; while minute-taking can be rotated among us, the contact point of the secretary needs to be reasonably static. **Action – all.**

7. **Public Q&A session about Manydown**

SP to ask Urban & Civic if a representative would be willing to attend a public Q&A session by Zoom on the Manydown project. **Action – SP.** [Note – should we also invite the Council portfolio holder, Cllr. Izett, or Cllr Ruffell?]

#### **8. Council Q&A session follow-up**

SP has circulated the list of resources, and sent MH's presentation to the councillors who attended. Feedback from MH-S and AM was that councillors found MH's presentation easier to follow than PB's. SP to re-send the list of resources to the councillors who attended. **Action – SP.** AM reminded us that individual councillors have £2k each allocated for small local projects – this could be up to £6k for a 3-member ward – and they might be pleased to receive suggestions for locally effective ways to spend these grants. **Action – All** to think about suitable projects in local wards.

The meeting closed at 8:20 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 + AGM.