

Basingstoke Transition Network
Meeting on Tuesday 5th October 2021, 7.00 pm by Zoom

Present: Miranda Chubb (MC) (Chair), Martin Heath (MH), Bob Clifford (BC), Michael Howard-Sorrell (MH-S), Arun Mummalaneni (AM), Malcolm MacInnes (MM), Jean Wilde (JW), Colin Andrews (CA), Mary Andrews (MA), Paul Beevers (PB; for item 10 on); Sheila Peacock (SP).

Apologies: Martin Biermann (MB).

1. Minutes of last meeting – were accepted.

2. Matters Arising

Item 3 – MH and MC are preparing the key points of the Local Plan;

Action on MB to find out whether Village Hotel might host our future face-to-face meetings.

3. Meeting with Sam Taylor and Cllr. Ruffell, Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council, to review community toolkit for climate change

MC, MH, MM, BC, SP, ?PB and MB intend to attend. **Action – all intending to attend**

Sam Taylor has circulated draft materials. We believe that these are at an early stage and need more depth (material from MH's workshop could be included). Also they should be tailored to match the delivery mechanism. We agree to ask him to discuss marketing, including: Facebook; website; on the big screen in Castle Square; in community magazines; in the Gazette with regular updates; on display boards owned by the Council; and will there be followup workshops and/or big events; and will Council resources be allocated to support Sam in the marketing effort? CA found an example from Evesham Council recently (MC will mention this since CA can't attend the meeting – see <https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/component/fileman/file/Images/WYCHAVON%20magazine/SC%20-%20Wychavon%20Magazine%20Aug%202021%20web.pdf?routed=1&container=fileman-files>).

NOTE - see Item 8 below about asking Sam Taylor about a stall in The Malls to use COP26 as a basis for publicising the toolkit.

4. Upcoming Basingstoke and Deane Council meetings

(a) Full Council - Ecology Emergency motion at 14th October meeting (6.30 pm)

PB will be attending; unfortunately the deadline for submitting questions has been moved forward a week (so is now NOON 10 days before any Council meeting – **ALL NOTE**) so we have missed the chance to apply to speak. Agreed we would publicise the meeting and encourage our followers to attend and/or write to Councillors. MC will put notes on Facebook and on the website (with the text of the motion) and MH will do a Mailchimp email to our followers and put out a Tweet. **Action – MC, MH.** (**NOTE** the Mailchimp to include the invitation to the 25th November meeting with Urban & Civic – see item 7 below).

(b) Manydown Overview Committee Wed 13th October, 6.30 pm

MC intends to apply to speak at this meeting. It is said to be virtual rather than face-to-face so MC intends to remind the Council that we did get their agreement last year that questioners should be able to show their faces in the Zoom meeting. **Action – MC.**

(c) Community, Environment and Partnerships (CEP), Wed 20th October 6.30 pm

The revised Climate Emergency Strategy is to come to this meeting so we need to attend and submit questions. **Action – All** when agenda comes out, to submit questions. We

don't know until then whether it will be in person or virtual: if we cannot attend then it is possible to submit a question and ask the chair to reply to it.

5. Meeting with Maria Miller MP on 16th September

Five of us met with Maria Miller and heard her views and gave her ours, on the Local Plan, COP26, Biodiversity, and children and the environment. MC wrote her a letter summarising our views; no reply yet. Agreed: (a) set up another meeting in 6 months' time (March 2022) (**Action – MC** to email Maria's office); (b) possibly encourage her to set up or take part in a "town hall" public meeting on the environment; (c) Send to Kit Malthouse MP a copy of the letter, and suggest a meeting (possibly involving SP, PB and SW-S who live in his constituency). **Action – SP.**

6. HCAN Sat 2nd October

HCAN has offered to publicise members' COP26 events so we should send a note of our plans. A vigil at Hurst Castle is planned for xxdate (details – I cannot find it!); and a Hampshire Passenger Transport forum takes place on Thursday 14th 9.45 am to 12 noon or Monday 18th October 1 pm to 3.15 pm – register at <https://forms.office.com/r/NFqH6EHLfX> .

7. Q&A meeting with Urban & Civic, 7-8.30 pm

Agreed to do limited publicity to have an informed audience of BTN sympathisers who can ask pertinent questions. MC will chair, ?MB to assist; SP to do Zoom. We will invite U&C to give a 10-minute presentation with emphasis on carbon-neutral buildings, renewable energy generation and ecological planning. MH will send out a Mailchimp asking people who want to attend to contact secretary@basingstoketransition.org; we will especially invite some people including Rob Sharpe, Andy Molloy, Heather Rainbow, Jonathan Clark (Christ Church Chineham), other church people that JW can think of; members of local conservation groups (PB's contacts); and there is no reason to exclude Councillors. **Action – MH** (Mailchimp), **SP** (set up Zoom and contact U&C; receive emails from those wanting to attend); **SP, JW; all** (invite appropriate people); **MC** (put out a low-key note on Facebook inviting people interested to attend to contact secretary@). The Zoom licence will accommodate up to 100 people.

8. COP26 action

Agreed to ask Sam Taylor at our meeting on Monday whether he will facilitate our setting up a stall in Castle Square, The Malls, on the morning of Saturday 6th November, COP26 action day, to promote the climate change toolkit and general BTN aims. To do this we need to:

- (a) Renew our PLI – AM to send SP a link to a cheap site; otherwise to renew with current broker. **Action – AM, SP.** (Note find level required by The Malls);
- (b) Get a pop-up banner and a table-wrap-round banner made – MH to produce graphics using existing logo and send to AM who can get the pop-up banner made (can the same firm do the wrap-round banner?) **Action – MH, AM.**
- (c) Have a petition, address list and leaflets for people to sign/fill in/take (as per previous Green Week stalls) – the petition simply calling on the Borough Council to take climate action;
- (d) If we can't do a stall can we do a clipboard questionnaire to try to find out what people would be interested in having in a climate change toolkit, to help Sam?

Action – on those attending the meeting with Sam Taylor on 11th, to discuss all these things and come up with a plan if possible.

9. We record with gratitude the **gift of £1000 from Hampshire Renewable Energy Co-op** and agree to send a thank-you letter to the chair, Andrew Thomson. **Action – SP, MH.** Some of this will be spent on the banners mentioned in item 8.

10. Junction 7 update

PB reported that he had sent a further objection along with an audit trail of the planning process for the J7 development, pointing out the inadequacies. CA has asked Cllr. D. Taylor whether the Development Control Committee intends to make a site visit, and if so whether it would be helpful for a protest with banners to take place then.

11. Brookvale Sustainability Day, Sat 25th September

MH, MM and PB gave presentations to a small but interested audience including climate change portfolio holder Cllr. Mark Ruffell, BDBC. There was a lot of interest in MH's experiences of retrofitting his house. MH will put his slides (as pdf) and PB's on the BTN website; MM is preparing notes to go with his and will send them to MH for the website. **Action – MH, MM.** BC offered that MH repeat his talk at a Cafe Scientifique in the new year. **Action – BC.**

The meeting ended at 8:50 pm.

Next meeting – Tuesday 2nd November 2021, 7.00 pm, by Zoom.