

Basingstoke Transition Network
Meeting on Tuesday 2nd November 2021, 7.00 pm, by Zoom

Present: Colin Andrews (CA), Mary Andrews (MA), Miranda Chubb (MC), Lucy Jones (LJ), Jean Wilde (JW), Martin Biermann (MB), Martin Heath (MH), Malcolm MacInnes (MM)
Apologies: Arun Mummalaneni (AM), Paul Beevers (PB), Bob Clifford (BC).

1. **Minutes of last meeting** (2021-10-05) were accepted with minor amendments – removal of question mark on MB's name in item 3 and correction of item 11 to say that MM is preparing notes to go with his slides.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

Item 2 – MB has contacted the Village Hotel but not been able to reach his original contact there; and MC has completed the list of key points on the Local Plan and is awaiting MH's checking it.

Item 4(a) The Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council website says that questions for full Council should be submitted the Tuesday before the meeting (Thursday) night, so the ten days minuted here is probably wrong. MB will check. **Action – MB.**

Item 4(b) – MC attended Manydown Overview Committee (MOC) on 13th Oct – Urban & Civic gave a presentation proposing to build to Future Homes Standard, with no gas on site and 15% of roofs with solar PV. They kept emphasising net zero carbon but it is not clear how this will be achieved via the Future Homes Standard (which isn't zero-carbon). A water study is under way – we hope to ask about the outcome of this, and about net-zero and Future Homes Standard, at our Q&A on 24th Nov. Andy Molloy wrote a proposal ten years ago for making Manydown a zero-carbon community: MH will look this out and see if it can be updated to incorporate our Manydown Standard and used with U&C.

Action – MH. MOC chair Cllr. Diane Taylor praised BTN during the meeting. MC will circulate notes of the meeting. **Action – MC.**

Item 5 – MC wrote two messages to Maria Miller, asking for a followup meeting in six months' time and for a "town hall" public meeting. Maria Miller has replied to the latter only, expressing willingness if we set it up. We agreed to work on this in the spring. SP could not find time to set up a meeting with Kit Malthouse before COP26 but has agreement in principle with Sarah Warriss-Simmons to do it. It is unlikely that there will be time to do it before the new year. **Action – SP.**

Item 11 – MH had problems loading slides on to the BTN website and he and MC will address this. **Action – MH, MC.**

3. Q&A session with Urban & Civic – Note changed date – Wed 24th Nov.

SP will send invitations to those identified so far and any others whom we might suggest, and repeat the Mailchimp invitation nearer the time. MM suggests that we should invite one or more people involved in school/college teaching, and will approach his contacts.

Action – MM.

The agenda consists of:

1. Short introduction by meeting chair (MC) setting out BTN's vision for Manydown;
2. Ten-minute exposition by U&C on their vision;
3. Q&A.

MC and MH will draw up bullet points for the short introduction, which we will circulate to U&C and registrants. **Action – MC, MH, SP.** SP and CA will be Zoom co-hosts. Our own questions (see item 2 above) should be ready but we are confident that the invited

audience will have enough questions to fill the evening. We might issue a press release after the meeting, summarising the important points.

4. COP26 Stall in Castle Square

- Stall is booked and insured;
- MB expects pop-up banner to be delivered tomorrow;
- SP is still hoping to get Green Week wrap banners from Sam Taylor at BDBC but hasn't heard. **Action – SP.** We will consider having our own banner printed for future use: MB has asked for fabric samples, and LJ has offered that her partner, a graphic designer, might make suggestions for improving the design if we send it to her. **Action – MC, LJ.**
- MC has arranged to collect tables from Christ Church Chineham. She and SP will bring folding chairs;
- Malls stipulations of times for mounting and dismounting the stall – MC to check. **Action MC.**
- Leaflets:
 - Agreed that we design a postcard-sized COP26-themed leaflet with simple message to sign petition on one side and COP26 image (clock, Code Red) on the other. MH to do and send to MB by Thursday for printing 200 copies **Action – MH, MB.**
 - Agreed MC formats the two longer leaflets for printing on double-sided A4 and gets 50 copies of each, to hand out to more interested people – **Action – MC.**
 - Sam Taylor offered to have cards printed publicising climate change toolkit – SP to chase, and pick up from BDBC if possible. **Action – SP.**
 - SP is hoping for some more heavyweight leaflets from the Quaker United Nations Office but will not use these if they are too obviously religious.
- Petition – SP will prepare petition sheet with wording as circulated, columns for signature, name, postcode, email address and tickbox for do they want invitation to attend BTN meetings, and GDPR statement at bottom, and send to MB who will make 20 copies. **Action – SP, MB.**
- COVID – JW will bring hand sanitiser; we can buy paper towels nearby **Action - JW.** Everyone should bring a mask and be prepared to wear it most of or all the time.
- Mayor at 10:30 am – there is a form to fill in online, naming the chaperone: MC will do this. **Action – MC.**
- CA will register our stall on the COP26 actions website. **Action – CA.**

5. Local Plan meeting with Sam Taylor, Mon 1st November

All to send comments and suggestions to Sam Taylor. **Action – All.** MH and MC will circulate a briefing document and the slides shown by Sam Taylor. **Action – MC, MH – NOTE these two documents should not be circulated outside this group.** We will discuss further action at our next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:40 pm.

Next meeting – Tuesday 7th December 2021; the following meeting should be on 4th January 2022 so we should consider whether this date is convenient.