

Climate Action Menston – Meeting 1 Notes (Francesca Bridgewater)

Tuesday 7/5/2019

Menston Library

Present – Francesca Bridgewater, Anne Goodith White, Marilyn Banister, Roger Banister, Hannah Bayston, Quentin Mackenzie, Paul Collier, Helen Collier, Carolyn Knowland, Tommy Knowland, Jamie Needle, Jo Cornell, Hazel Sage, Owen Sage, Andrew Sage, Charlotte Montague, Chris Steel, Karen Casson, Attila Darvasi, Jonathan Gadd, Jemma Tighe, Jane Pratt, Isabel.

Apologies if I have got anyone's name wrong, or missed out something important.

1. Circulated Emergency resolution for Menston Parish Council. Suggestions welcome for changes.

Ideas Generated from question to consider how you would like Menston to be in 2030:

TRANSPORT

- car free streets
- Electric cars
- Car share and or Shared Car schemes
- Traffic calming eg to 20mph on all local roads
- bike facilities, cycle lanes on every road and away from roads
- bus links and free local bus, heavily subsidized. Electric.
- Point of information - Cycleway Otley to Burley – is awaiting grants.
- Challenge people to cut down car mileage.
- Close Main St for a day (22nd September is World car Free Day)
- Priority for bicycles and pedestrians

GROWING FOOD (see also Greening, below)

- allotments – used to be in highroyds. Buy a field?
- Garden Sharing ie allow people without much garden to grow food in gardens where they are too big for the owner.
- Veg on the edge – Gorilla Gardening
- Community Orchard

REDUCING & RECYCLING

- recycling
- Reduce use of plastic.
- Terracycle, will collect waste which can't recycle through council. Need collection point.
- Minimum Waste Market

NATURE & GREENING

- More trees & bushes
- Rewilding in open areas around the village, gardens & fields

- Have green corridors down every street, halving the size of the road. These could be a mix of allotments, fruit trees and wild nature areas, while traffic is calmed and cycling and walking enhanced.

ENERGY

- Generating power for electric vehicles eg community windmill
- Solar panels on Kirklands
- Combine with Otley, Ilkley & Addingham Community Energy proposal
 - Green energy club
 - Retrofitting insulation with grants from power companies
 - Community power generation

SHOPPING

- Shop locally & sustainably
- Support WasteNot in Burley – can refill containers much cheaper than Morrisons – get them to widen the network to Menston?
- Have village market
- Publicize any local suppliers eg eggs, milk etc (can use Facebook page)
- More options to buy locally eg greengrocer, butcher

COMMUNICATION

- Publicise group in Menston News
- Publicise group through Menston Parish Council and Menston Community Association
- Educating.
 - Eg bees, get kids passionate. Wildlife planting.
 - Bring in speakers.
 - Share info. Eg alternatives. (use Facebook page)
 - Open day for food growing/bee keeping etc.
 - Suggested changes people can make personally eg Eat less meat etc
- Share ideas, information and meetings on our Facebook page or Twitter.

OTHER (that I'm not entirely sure what they are, but sound interesting!)

- House Zones
- State of mind renewed –
 - Want less
 - Buy less
 - Reuse/borrow/swap/recycle
 - Focus on Nature

General consensus that we should try to focus on activities that will enhance people's experience and improve their lives, rather than see actions as negative.

Next Actions:

Climate of Collaboration – Chris and Jamie and possibly Hannah to attend.

Community Energy – the group were interested in joining this. Francesca will reply to her contact positively and try to make progress.

Jemma contacting Terracycle with a view to setting up a collection point in the village.

For more about Climate Action see <https://www.bioregional.com/one-planet-living>

Date for next meeting

Tues 18/6/2019 7:30pm Menston Library.