

Climate Action Menston Meeting 4 – Notes (Francesca Bridgewater)

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Present: Karen Casson (Chair), Francesca Bridgewater, David Bridgewater, Goodith White, Alison Davies, Marilyn Banister, Roger Banister, Dale Smith, Jemma Tighe, Jamie Needle, Chris Steele, David Palmer, Chris Turner, Catherine Meakin, Joy Prestwich, Lisa Ruddy

Apologies: Jo Cornell, Helen Collier, Christine Halstall, Tommy Knowland, Jane Pratt

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1	SUB GROUP FEEDBACK
1.1	MENSTON SHOW <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Generated lots of interest in the group including tree planting pledges, hedgehogs, car free day.● Postcard proved very useful● Car free day “speech bubbles” taken for tweeting sleeping cars● Won Second prize for table top display.● Jamie Needle to thank Andrew Sage, who arranged for us to have the table, one of only 2 there.
1.2	CULTURE & COMMUNITY <ul style="list-style-type: none">● MB done some research about films – “Demain” apparently very motivating. Costs approx \$250. Looking into feasibility.● Local businesses – Steve Proudfoot simplifying how to approach them – will update next meeting
1.3	HEDGEHOGS <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Letters distributed to Farnley Rd asking about hedgehog sightings and making a corridor for movement.● 6 households see hedgehogs regularly.● Keen on connectivity.● New email - Hedgehogs@climateactionmenston.org.uk for sightings etc● Alison D to put page on website and email copy of letter to Chris Steele and Karen Casson (and put a copy on Slack).● Menston in Bloom approached about possible hedgehog release space near High Royds cemetery.
1.4	TREEWILDING <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Had good response at Menston Show with people pledging to plant 32 trees in their gardens and donations of £25● Seedling trees being collected across the area, ready for planting when we have land● FB & KC have attended Menston In Bloom meeting and discussed working together to increase tree cover.● MIB are trying to get an umbrella group together to oversee the Park, to ensure all interests are catered for.
1.5	TRAVEL & TRANSPORT

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● car free day Menston – fill in speech bubble about sleeping car and tweet to #MenstonCFD2019 and put on FB group. ● Closing streets - New govt guidance so should now be much easier. Need cones, advance closure signs. However, too late for 22/9 ● Possibly aim to do something in June – may be part of The Big Lunch & Jo Cox event.
1.6	<p>Menston Park Gap in wall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No further progress on hole in wall.
1.7	<p>Traffic Idling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bradford Council has pushed this back to Oct Nov. They are happy for us to do something but don't know what yet. ● The aim is raising awareness and surveying how people feel about idling.
1.8	<p>ZERO C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jamie approached Kirkland trust about PV on roof. He is awaiting outline costs. DP offered to help Jamie with the feasibility study. ● Roger B & DP went to Community Energy England meeting – see slack. Roof top PV very common community society structures, and can plough profit back into community. Complex and would need guidance about finance service regs and energy regs. However, there are organisations that support communities. Options - A) might help us doing comm energy solution. B) can buy shares in another village (residents of village get shares at lower cost) 3-4% return pa over 20y. Lack of FIT has dented projects. Some growth in other projects. Fuel poverty key for CEE. ● Actions – lobby MP and councilors eg reversal of VAT increase, volunteer, spread word, buy green energy, have template letters etc
1.9	<p>FOOD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● capacity for shop in Menston but not sure about resources available at the moment. ● COOP giving leaflets about saving food. Combine with Steve P's CO. approach...
1.10	<p>ZERO WASTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TERRACYCLE – Ilkley covers everything, so can't have much here as within 5m radius. Gemma checking this further. ● Charlotte in WasteNot in Burley would take our collection. Big problem sorting and cleaning it.
2.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CONSTITUTION ● After a long discussion it was agreed to postpone any decisions until next meeting. However, the following points were made:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Keep as voluntary group but not a charity (that involves more formal structures). ● Area covered – preferably keep to Ecclesiastical parish boundaries rather than political, as cover a larger area. ● Aims - Want to remain fluid and able to encompass any direction environmentally that becomes relevant. ● Meeting frequency - Main meeting every 2 months or 3 months – if communications good, fewer meetings needed. ● Sub groups to meet more frequently, as required. Most of the actual campaigning work will happen in those. ● Sub groups to remain fluid, and will change with time. ● CAM might become umbrella gp supporting other offshoots – some of which will become their own groups eg energy co. or youth group. Nurturing projects, which do their own fundraising for these. ● Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Don't need to be member to come to meetings. ○ Membership fee – Gives group credibility when talking to councils or funding bodies etc. £1 would allow every one to join. £5 suggests more commitment. ○ Possibly have a min £1 but a suggested £5. Free under 18s? What do people get for joining? How to target teenagers. Allows people to be part of slack. ● Could apply for grant towards costs including a meeting room. ● Current & Likely Costs – website £40 including hosting (currently paid for by David Bridgewater to allow the website to be set up). £3 for each land registry enquiry, room hire, placards, posters, speakers ● Fundraising – could have a donations page on website ● Baseline admin cost – whip round? ● Contacts to go on website. ● Bring back to next meeting with wording. MB to do next agenda. ● For further discussion, see #VisionandConstitution channel in Slack.
3.0	<p>FINANCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No Bank Account (and tricky to set one up and run it) ● Can use MCA account but not clear how to pay it in. ● Cash difficult. How does justgiving do it – need account. Could the MCA account be attached to justgiving? ● “Fundraiser” website – not charity related. ● Look at Monzo – do they work with groups?
4.0	<p>COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SLACK chosen as working communication platform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ trial undertaken to compare with Mobilize – Slack had the edge on channel freedom ○ Using Email – it is hard to find stuff and can easily become a unilateral dialogue where no one else is part of the conversation. ○ Can keep files on it ○ Can message one or more people directly, as well as in channel conversations

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Easy to search ● Facebook – more outward looking. Good for spreading the word to the village. ● Other communications – new member Lisa Ruddy offered to work on social media. -To discuss next meeting. ● Website begun – need content particularly visual material. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Please send suggestions for what you want to see on Slack channel #website. ○ So far have some official email addresses set up for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ info@climateactionmenston.org.uk ▪ trees@climateactionmenston.org.uk ▪ hedgehogs@climateactionmenston.org.uk ○ Other addresses can be set up if useful
5.0	<p>EVENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Training day 25sept “How to work with councilors” – sign up on Eventbrite. ● Prof Andy Goldson Leed University is giving a talk at MCA village forum 3/10 7:30-9. ● Climate strike 20/9 ● Need more postcards – Marilyn B to reword and print
6.0	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Possible new sub group of “engaging teenagers”. ● Dale’s pledge – to let people or businesses sign up. To bring back to group. ● Ilkley Green Party meeting wednesday 18th sept. – Outside the Box but for members only. ● Car free day 22/9 ● Guardian website – Climate change in Australia – before and after.
7.0	Next meeting Tuesday 19 th November 2019 venue Menston library