# Climate Action Menston Meeting 5 – Minutes (Francesca Bridgewater)

20/11/2019 St John’s Parish Rooms

Present: Karen Casson, Francesca Bridgewater, David Bridgewater, Goodith White (Co Chair), Alison Davies, Marilyn Banister, Roger Banister, Dale Smith, Jemma Tighe, Jamie Needle, Chris Steele, David Palmer (Co Chair), Lisa Ruddy, Sabrina, Catherine, Linda, Emma, Steve Proudlove, Jonathan Gadd,

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| **Item No.** | **Item** |
| 1 | **SUB GROUP FEEDBACK** |
| 1.1 | **HEALTH & HAPPINESS*** Marilyn still looking into options for films or an event with an inspiring speaker.
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| 1.2 | **CULTURE & COMMUNITY*** Local sustainable businesses scheme – Steve Proudfoot, along with MCA and other contributors. Has produced a handout with a letter and template to give to local businesses to help them think about changes they can make to help the environment, which suit them. Need people to help visit local businesses and discuss. Church office will collect any submitted plan and give the business a sticker or something to stick up. Emma suggested businesses could ask what help they want in place eg more recycling etc. Any volunteers let Steve know. Includes Hannah, Jane, Gemma, Emma, Goodith, Chris.
* Hope for the future gave excellent training session for working with local councillors about the climate emergency. Stressed the need to think about values around issue and how they tie into council – can you get a win win? Work out who’s who in the Council, meet cabinet officer, get support for your cause etc. Have a powerpoint which we can put on Slack.
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| 1.3 | **EQUITY & LOCAL ECONOMY** Marilyn found some ethical investments * Triodos – Investments, current account (for fee) and Isas – with transparency about where investments are
* Abundance investments. Can put money into wave power, housing etc
* Emma – trying to find alternative funds for pension - Skipton BS currently researching possibilities.
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| 1.4 | **LAND AND NATURE** * Network Rail to cut down all woody plants 6.5m either side of tracks & weedkill. Starting Monday 25/11 at Apperley Bridge.
	+ Chris & Karen went to Ikley Tree Campaign – to protest. Concerns:
		- Vital Wildlife Corridor.
		- Bats under bridge buckle lane and wood by Highroyds cemetery.
		- Landslide aggravation if no trees
		- Removing trees while trying to plant millions in Northern Forest
	+ Approached John Grogan MP, Philip Davies & Councillor Ann Hawkesworth.
		- Supposed to be meeting next week with Network rail.
		- URGENT ACTIONS:
			* Take photos of places effected and put on FB, Instagram and twitter.
			* Evidence of species, particularly if protected.
			* Can CAM/ Parish council raise objections?
			* Get press involved – next week Is National Tree Week. Write letters of objection. Ilkley Gazette, put in Guiseley Gazette. Lorain would put in Yorkshire Post.
			* Email or phone Network rail and make a complaint 03457 114141 helpline – get automated complaint ref number.
			* Attend meeting with Network Rail if it happens

 **HEDGEHOGS** * Alison – have produced a presentation for a school assembly or classroom. Would provide info for friends and family.
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| 1.5 | **TREEWILDING*** Menston Primary School tree planting on Saturday am.
* DP talked to head Mr Jones, who is very keen to improve idling and transport around school. DP trying to set up a further meeting to discuss, and include the Hedgehog initiative.
* Trees - possible areas to plant include
	+ Highroyds,
	+ Hargrave Crescent
	+ a friend of Jemma’s who has a small holding
	+ Cricket club – initially resistant because of losing balls. Trees may help, and may reduce flooding. One approach might be to combine CAM, cricket, the younger generation & MIB – need to explore further.
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| 1.6 | **TRAVEL & TRANSPORT** * Hole in wall – pending. Possible way forward via Menston Park Friends group (if set up).
* Child friendly streets – Alwyn worked hard on closing road. Need Public liability insurance etc. Simpler method is to use Section 16 Traffic regulation order which allows roads to be closed for events, once per month.
* For VE day Brooklands closing for party – early May holiday moved to Friday.
* Idling and 20mph. – Jamie has been contacting Bradford Council - to pick up after election, in January.
* Electric cars – Climate Action Ilkley say expensive – Electric points £40k for “rapid charger”, £10K for “fast charger”
* Alternative - Martin Higgate Associates suggested car sharing instead. Carclub at Ilkley station? Enterprise to run? Also do we want car dependency at all? What do we value? Is progress an electric SUV or a shared street? Carclubs could be used for businesses during the day, and for locals in evening.
* Harrogate buses are great, all electric and free on Sundays. Also a liftshare scheme in operation.
* Greenway still at the feasibility stage.
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| 1.7 | **ZERO C Energy*** Kirklands Trustees welcomed the presentation on PV options (see slides on Slack).
* Next step is to get access to property with Heather - Roger, Jamie and DP.
* Any recommendations for solar installers welcome. Leeds Solar one option. Would like a minimum of 5. See Slack.
* Other initiatives. Exploring the feasibility of a virtual solar farm using private houses and public buildings, as in Cornwall.
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| 1.8 | **FOOD** * MB had hoped to close a street on 7/12 to link to Car free day. Possibility that Real Food Ilkley could provide food at Kirklands events.
* Menston Mooch – 30/11 7pm. Local stalls to include Waste Not from Burley. Will raise money for Preschool, featuring singing by local mums. £5 ticket. 10+ can come 7-9.
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| 1.9 | **ZERO WASTE** * Book swaps, school uniform swaps and exchanges mentioned as possible avenues.
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| 1.10 | **YOUTH*** Sabrina & Catherine from St Marys, trying to engage teenagers.
	+ Currently small group called Ecowarriors run by Maths teacher
	+ Met with Head. Discussed reducing waste & energy, trees & flowers.
	+ Waste a key issue in school – they sell plastic bottles in vending machine, print reams. Would like to strike at the source of the waste, not just recycle.
	+ Aim to integrate eco issues into school, not just have a club as an add on.
	+ School Strikes – hard to walk out. Not encouraged
	+ What can the community do to help?
		- Write to school about Climate Action and try to engage?
		- Fundraise for School so they don’t have to rely on vending machines income?
		- Yorkshire Water might provide free metal bottles?
		- Help with wildlife area or orchard? Planting trees?
		- Engage young people with Instagram (Facebook not used by youth.) Have weekly environmental tip? Eg Making their own presents or their own wrapping paper, how to wrap without sellotape. Zerowaste leeds have lots of ideas. – see Facebook.
		- Collect a week’s worth of plastic waste in a heap?
		- Transport – most pupils get lifts, only 2 cycle.
	+ MB has links to young people in the Ilkley CA
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| 2.0 | **CONSTITUTION & BANK ACCOUNT*** Agreed that DP will lead a group to discuss the constitution with help from Sarah Mills of CABAD. DP will elicit interest on Slack.
* Bank Account – agreed this is a necessity. Options are a free Community account from either Nat West or Coop. Will require 3 officers to set it up. Need to ensure it is transferable if in future we wish to change to another form eg a Community Benefit Society.
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| 3.0 | **COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICITY*** Website now on line and has some content on Trees, transport & hedgehogs.
	+ Could put on an electronic copy of the template for businesses.
	+ Need pictures of events please. Eg Photos of tree planting.
	+ Could have a discussion board for wider community to encourage debate – but would have to avoid trolls so would need moderators.
	+ Need links to the website from other websites eg CAI and Otley 2030, and sharing it. Parish council can put link to website. This will increase its visibility.
* Facebook group – a good place for debate. Need people to use it and put stuff up.
* Lisa – already has some accounts for Wildlife Friendly Menston on Facebook – “Wild about Menston”. She also uses Instagram & twitter too.
* Postcards – useful to have when doing events – update for next event.
* Guerilla approach to marketing – Banksy – use Conspiratorial Advertising. Drop stuff round village to get people thinking. This would lead to sharing CAM info and environmental items. Eg Paint a stone and put # or email on bottom – hide it – if find it take picture and share it. Possibly use in schools too.
* Steve suggested using chalk based stencils to decorate areas with info – e.g. did you know…? See Extinction rebellion. DP will explore options with his wife who is a Marketing Executive, and Justin Leeming.
* Dale asked if CAM are happy to have their logo used by others e.g. on an email signature. It was felt that there was no objection to people using the logo in the context of “I support CAM”.
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| 4.0 | **EVENTS*** It is felt that as a nascent group CAM needs an Event to focus on, which can be a catalyst for some actions and subgroups could contribute to.
* Options:
	+ Environment Day in June?
	+ Local market in feb/march as a Trial run?
	+ Share ideas on Slack.
* Alison suggested getting people to sign up to campaigns e.g. Flight free 2020. Use Facebook group to publicise.
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| 5.0 | **AOB** None |
| 6.0 | Next meeting probably Wednesday 22nd January 2020 - TBC.  |