# Climate Action Menston Meeting 6 – Minutes (Francesca Bridgewater)

22/01/2020 St John’s Parish Rooms

Present: Karen Casson, Francesca Bridgewater, David Bridgewater, Goodith White, Alison Davies, Marilyn Banister, Roger Banister(Chair), Jamie Needle, Chris Steele, David Palmer, Jonathan Gadd, Emma Dalton, Bruno Azevedo.

Apologies: Dale Smith, Jemma Tighe, Steve Proudlove, Ian Hunter, Jane Pratt, Sabrina, Catherine Westhead, Paul Ronksley

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| 1.0 | Goodith suggested meetings could have speakers, to increase our knowledge and attract more members; possibly the “Recycling Champions” of Bradford, which would cost nothing as part of the BMC. It was agreed this would be a good idea, but possibly at an interim meeting with a wider audience due to time constraints in these meetings. |
| 2.0 | Matters arising none. |
| 3.0  3.1  3.2 | **Constitution And Bank Account**  Thanks to David Palmer and Chris Steele for drawing up the draft constitution; this will provide a more formal underpinning which will be required for a bank account and for fundraising.  For full document see Slack, or attachment.  Constitution proposal in brief:   1. People will be members – need to know numbers of members for voting. 2. Committee will consist of half officers and half other members.   Need to decide:   1. Fundraising protocol. 2. Asset distribution. 3. At what level to make decisions.   Have interim constitution between now and the AGM (at May meeting), with interim officers.  Discussed the following points:  A) Membership – provisionally agreed £5 fee (free for under 18s) - but may waive this if in hardship.  B) Officers – Chair (overall), possibly a Vice Chair, Membership Secretary, Secretary, Treasurer, Communication & Publicity Officer. All could be shared or revolved. Meetings would have a revolving Chair.   * Concerns –   + if two Chairs, is there a problem with deciding a drawn vote? (Could be able to use electronic signatures.)   + Can Committee co-opt other members to do actions? (yes)   + At AGM if Chair is not present, can someone else be Chair?   C) The Executive committee includes the officers and 4 other members. If an even number then voting problem.  D) Fundraising protocol – no one person can go and raise funds for CAM on own, to prevent embezzling.  E) Charity process – agreed we did not want to pursue this currently, but reserve the right to do so at a later date.  F) Voting: What level vote needed? Suggested for a change to constitution we would need 2/3rd of people in the AGM. For other decisions, 2/3rd of people present based on a Quorum of x% of membership and min of 10 People?  **Interim Committee (until May AGM):**  Chair – Goodith  Vice Chair - Marilyn  Treasurer - Roger - Proposed Goodith Second DP.  Secretary - FB, proposed – MB and Hannah.  Membership Secretary – Chris Steele.  Publicity - vacant – maybe Lisa.  Fundraising – DP  Officer without Portfolio - Jamie  Website (not a committee seat) – David Bridgewater  Action - DP will write 0.2 into version 1.0 and discuss in committee (date TBC).  Action - RB to set up a bank account with Nat West – easy to set up & free & allows dual signatures for internet banking. |
| 4.0  4.1  4.2 | **Comms & Publicity**  David B requested more stories and material for the website. Email DB or email [website@climateactionmenston.org.uk](mailto:website@climateactionmenston.org.uk). Need link to twitter feed on the website, and twitter needs to be used.  Goodith – need message to go out in several ways. Also raised if papers should be put in one place, or sent to one person (possibly the Secretary) to distribute? |
| 5.0  5.1  5.2  5.3  5.4 | **Fundraising**  DP has made an “expression of interest” to Climate Action Fund of National Lottery initially for the Energy project at Kirklands. Awaiting to hear if successful. Funds available for broad options to do with CAM. eg buying trees, For more info see Fundraising channel on Slack. Please put any opportunities found on there.  Bradford have a fund website – DP has feed from it.  Bruno – interested in a Library of Things – in Menston library. Several already around the country. Could be run as a charity or business.  Further related ideas - clothes swap (MB). |
| 6.0 | **MCA event idea.**  Following the successful Wellbeing Fair last year Jonathon Gadd suggested a combined event related to Earth Day on Saturday 25th April 2020 1-5pm. Agreed MCA would take on publicity.  Ideas:   * Each sub group to have stall, including:   + Tommy Knowland has some Landscape Architects drawing up sketches of how Main ST could look if people friendly   + Community Energy Project – get people involved   + “Did you know?” approach?   + “Big Shift” (a Christian Aid project) to encourage people to divest of fossil fuels. * Bradford Recycling to come? * Needs to be in MCA newsletter and Menston village and CAM facebook pages. |
| 7.0 | **Sub groups feedback:** |
| 7.1 | **Equity and local economy- divestment**   * MB lobbying banks etc to divest from fossil fuels. * DP has left Lloyds last week and moved to Triodos (cost £3 per month per acct). The process was very easy. * PCC – MB suggested church should leave HSBC. * DP lobbying his Company and suppliers to divest. * COOP is ethically aligned. * TICKR – invests in climate change/robotics – some investments risky. * Lendahand – invest in solar panels in Africa. |
| 7.2 | **Culture and community:**  Local sustainable business scheme;   * Hannah & Emma interested. * Goodith – 78 businesses of which 18 approached. Businesses interested but hard to get them to write a pledge – need to hold their hands. Goodith obtained 3 pledges. * DP can use “e” signature – can send off pledges and it comes back to sender. Possibly put acknowledgement on website when business signs up. Steve Proudlove has the masterlist. *Vicar@stjohnmenston.org.uk* |
| 7.3 | **Land and nature:**  **Trees** – Emma volunteers with Forest of Bradford.   * Planting field behind cemetery on 22/2/2020.   + Site quite steep so only older children.   + Access via path by old railway   + No parking, Simon Richmond to ask Kennels if we can park there.   + Emma providing spades, but bring if possible.   + Wellies   + 10:30 start.   + Woodland trust providing trees.   + FOB providing recycling tubes but need ties. Hopefully use Hazel stakes.   + Request for cardboard collars. * FB to talk to High Royds about cut trees, planting more, and using the tubes. * FB to send Emma list of volunteers. Ask St Mary’s people? Ideally 20? Ask small Sainsbury’s for volunteers. * Other Tree planting – By Wharfe Sunday 16/2/2020 * Cricket club - DP working with MIB to relandscape grounds. DP to set up meeting. * Croft park – possibly plant more trees.   **Hedgehogs** – Hedgehog street website has loads of info, and a map of the entire country where you can log your hedgehog sightings and holes. <https://bighedgehogmap.org/> |
| 7.4 | **Travel and transport:**  Greenway/ Idling/ 20mph zone/ Car Clubs  **Main Street:**   * MB provided drawing of Main St and invited ideas for pedestrians & cyclists. School really interested as Yr 3 looking at climate action. * Would like to take proposal to PC to get designs & Tommy’s landscape architects. * Neighbourhood plan starting – needs to have CAM on the working group. * See <http://hamilton-baillie.co.uk/villages-and-rural-traffic/> for inspiration.   **Hole in wall. Menston Park** – Discussed by PC last week, currently with BMC.  **Idling** – campaign started & School signed up. Possibly will have banner on railings. Need to put on website, and facebook.  Reducing Car use: Bruno suggested doing more car sharing, or renting out our own cars. Bruno to put link on Slack.  Climate Action Ilkley have instigated a Car Club in Ilkley by Enterprise. MB |
| 7.5 | **Zero carbon energy:**  Kirklands Solar PV   * Jamie contacted 2 other companies but neither coming up with the goods, so probably using Leeds Solar. * Group looking to make a business case. * Funding: Several avenues to explore:   + Egmi have crowd funding options   + Quaker meeting house might have funding knowledge   + DP & FB looking at community funding. * Will bring proposal back to March meeting then talk to Kirklands. * Hope to include EV charging point. * Applied to Climate action fund – 630 applications. Expecting to hear soon. |
| 7.6 | **Young people**  Sabrinaorganised a meeting with kitchen staff about waste plastic and they now have sandwiches in non plastic.  Other improvements include   * sanitary items in girls’ toilets. * Collecting plastic working parties. * Want to do an Assembly – would anyone help? * Again asking Mrs Hughes about Treeplanting. Would primary school be interested in collaboration. * Working on a Car sharing initiative. |
| 8.0 | **AOB**  St Mary’s floodlights are consuming energy and confusing wildlife.   * Jamie to ask person he knows about lights. * Possibly contact Mrs Hayes, the eco warrior teacher, to get involved. Hannah to ask for contact. * Could school be involved in making new birdboxes. Eg for path by St Mary’s field. |
|  | **Next Meeting:**  Wednesday 18th March 7:30pm Parish Rooms St Johns Menston |