# Climate Action Menston Meeting 12

# Minutes (Francesca Bridgewater)

23/02/2021 via Zoom

Present: Karen Casson, Francesca Bridgewater, Goodith White (Acting Chair), Marilyn Banister, Roger Banister, Vicki Turland, Alison Davies, Jamie Needle, Chris Steele, David Palmer, David Bridgewater Rachel Palfey, Bruno Azevedo, Hannah Bayston, Hazel Goulden, Philippa Banister, Dale Smith, Maria Rovisco

Apologies: Tommy Knowland, Emma Dalton, Jo Cornell, Jane Pratt

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| 1.0 | **Updates from Groups** |
| 1a | Travel & Transport  MAIN STREET Improvements  Philippa Banister of Street Space gave a short presentation of the way forward with Main Street – already engaging with local businesses, the Community Association and School. Aiming to build on the survey work already carried out. Their role is to be a catalyst to reach a community led design, and then help try out low cost interventions. Watch this space!  HOLE IN THE WALL  Now complete and in use 😊 CAM would like to thank the Parish Council for their help with funding and getting the project completed.  LBA  Their application for a new terminal has been approved by Leeds County Council. This will lead to a doubling of green house gas emissions and seems a retrograde step in the fight against Climate Change. Alan Elsegood is stepping down as Menston’s rep on GALBA. The meeting agreed that it was very much in CAM’s remit, and Travel & Transport’s, to continue this work. Anyone who would like to volunteer for the role, please contact Marilyn Banister.  **ACTIONS: MB** to contact AE about taking over as Menston rep on GALBA.  **FB** to advertise the GALBA letter asking for funding help for an appeal on the CAM Facebook page, Website and Twitter feed. |
| 1b | Land & Nature:  Treewilding  Jam & Jelly hedge now planted! Thanks to MIB, Kirklands and a grant from Shipley Area Committee.  River Wharfe at Burnsall – Yorkshire Dales River Trust have given advice on planting, and Protect Earth and getting grants and trees, and will be helping plant up. We may be involved in planting if required.  Turnpike Farm (a small holding with lots of potential) – Emma D has got BEAT interested, who are currently visiting and advising on strategy.  Next meeting – Wednesday 3rd March 7:30pm via Zoom  Dale’s Fields for sale:  FB & HB explored the site and agreed there was masses of potential for village allotments, footpaths, community orchard, space for recreation and still plenty of space to build on the existing habitat in the gully, and allow tree planting and/or rewilding to take place. This could be a fabulous area for reconnecting the community to the wild and provide vitally needed habitats for nature, while building in carbon sequestration. This was fed back to the Parish Council, who are looking at the cost of buying the land. Alison Davies has spoken to a contact at East Keswick Wildlife Trust who has experience of buying community land, and who is happy to give us tips. Watch this space! |
| 1c | Menston Walks  Ann Gadd is updating the Menston Tree walk – **ACTIONS:** **Rachel Palfrey** and **Hannah** volunteered to update it by walking the route. **GW** to put them in touch with Gemma from MIB and original author.  Hazel Goulden recommended looking at the detailed booklet and tree walking trails on the Climate Action Ilkley website. |
| 1d | Zero C Energy   1. Implementing the 2021 plan.    1. 1st Quarter:       1. Engaged Andy Walker to talk on home insulation on Tuesday 23rd March 7:30pm via Zoom       2. Preparing content for website to go on by the end of Feb (**DB**) (Now done)    2. 2nd Quarter:       1. Investigating possible talk by Leeds Solar or similar       2. Building more web pages for the CAM website or a companion site, using youth art and covering local info about energy saving/alternative energy sources/renewables vs fossil fuels. 2. Next meeting tbc |
| 1e | Public Activism   * This is a forum for discussion and initiatives eg lobbying MPs etc, signing petitions and circulating info eg about LBA or housing developments, fuel poverty or Environmental Bills. As such, it cuts across all the other groups, and can work in conjunction with them. * DP is putting together a guide on Public Activism for CAM * Maria Rovisco, a sociologist at Leeds Uni, has experience of organising Public Activism and is offering to lead this area. One option might be to set up a public Zoom meeting with University contacts and local green groups to discuss the LBA issue. * **ACTION: DP** will set up a PA meeting to consider future moves. * Social media – there is a Facebook group and page, which allows CAM to put out posts as CAM. Also a twitter feed. Currently this is mainly run by FB but the meeting agreed that anyone in the Executive should be an admin for these media feeds, and posts will need to be agreed by one of these before being posted. Posts going out as from CAM should be agreed ideally by 2 Executive members. * CAM members are encouraged to like posts and retweet any twitter feeds from CAM. * Any copy that people want put out as CAM, send email to a member of the Executive, or put it in Slack and highlight it to the Executive, so they can post it. |
| 1f | Culture & Community – Business activism  No further news |
| 2 | Publicity & Communication: |
| 2a | Website:  It was pointed out that the cost of membership was missing from the website, and it would be nice to be able to pay directly from there or invite donations. **ACTIONS: DB** to check how CA Ilkley have their pages, but automatic payments may not be possible under the current service provider.  Other useful info would be the number of members, where meetings are usually held and their frequency, as well as highlighting the date of the next General Meeting.  It was also requested that the Executive should be listed, preferably with a photo of each. **ACTION**: Please send a head & shoulders shot to DB or info@climateactionmenston.org.uk.  **VT** is working on content from the consumerism angle, which can go on the website and the facebook page, in regular updates.  Plea for more content, particularly photos! Send to DB or Slack channel or [info@climateactionmenston.org.uk](mailto:info@climateactionmenston.org.uk).  School – Currently MPS is too busy with Covid to deal with an Environmental Policy – on hold. |
| 2b | Menston News (letter)..  MB and GW assembled the copy – great contributions from everyone. MN due out mid March. |
| 3 | Fundraising   1. No submissions so far. Remember to update the log if any money applied for. 2. MB is looking into the Foundation for Integrated Transport who give grants up to £2000. 3. All need to keep eyes open for opportunities, and take responsibility for applying for relevant cash. |
| 4 | Finance & Banking update   * RB sending out receipts for membership fee shortly. * Balance £480 & £30 cash |
| 5 | Membership  Currently 47. Aim for 100 by end of 2021. Chris is chasing those who haven’t paid. More work needed to reach target.  Of the 2 new members at the meeting, one had joined following Dale’s email to the village, and the other after seeing a post on the Menston Village FB group.  The subgroup agreed that all membership would run from 1st November to 1st November. Anyone joining between May and October would only pay at 1st November and those months would be “free”. People joining from December to April would pay half. |
| 6 | Planning Updates:  The Executive is to meet urgently to discuss the Bradford Council consultation on their development plan. FB to arrange (set for 7:30pm Monday 1st March via Zoom). **ACTION:** All are also encouraged to put in their personal submissions. Closing date 24th March. |
| 7 | AOB   1. AD asked about spreading the word about peat free compost. It was agreed to see what CA Ilkley have on their site and copy that – again this could be a household tip, on the website and FB pages. 2. **DB** to look into how to have a JustGiving page, or other methods of payments via the website. |
| 8 | Date of Next meetings:  Full General Meeting – Wednesday 28th April 2021 7:30pm via Zoom  Executive Meeting – Wednesday 14th April 2021 at 7:30pm via Zoom |