# Climate Action Menston Meeting 13

# Minutes (Francesca Bridgewater)

28/04/2021 via Zoom

Present: Karen Casson, Francesca Bridgewater, Marilyn Banister (Acting Chair), Roger Banister, Vicki Turland, Alison Davies, Jamie Needle, Chris Steele, David Palmer, David Bridgewater, Hazel Goulden, Dale Smith, Maria Rovisco

Apologies: Goodith White, Hannah Bayston,

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|  | **Local Elections:**  Goodith sent a message reminding everyone to ask their candidates about the Climate Emergency and note their response. |
| 1.0 | **Updates from Groups** |
| 1a | Travel & Transport  MAIN STREET Improvements:  Following a successful workshop with 50 Menston residents run by Street Space, their report is available on Slack. DP thanked MB for all her work so far.  Next steps:   * MB meeting Simon D’Vali from the Highways dept of Bradford Council within a couple of weeks to discuss options around the school. * MB is applying for a Climate Action fund for Shipley – hopes to get an estimate together for 7th May. * CS suggested CAM could do a traffic and pedestrian survey as evidence. MB to convene a T&T meeting where this will be discussed. (Arranged for 8pm 12th May via zoom – contact Marilyn if you wish to attend.)   SLOW WAYS:  These are a national network of walking routes between real places – if you are interested in testing them out see the website.  WHARFEDALE GREENWAY:  Anthony from Ilkley has set up a Friends of the Greenway to support the project and will be building a website where he hopes to collect all the documents and related info together. He will be giving a presentation on the Greenway at CAM’s AGM.  LBA:  MB has volunteered to become the Parish Council’s rep on the Airport Consultative Committee, if PC agrees tomorrow. As Menston is one of the most affected communities by flyover, this is an important post!  CAR CLUB:  Ilkley has set up a CC with one hybrid car to rent from Enterprise. More research needed. |
| 1b | Land & Nature  Treewilding  RIVER WHARFE AT BURNSALL – CAM helped plant 570 trees with the charity Protect Earth who obtained the trees. CAM has since provided volunteers, along with the Angling Club, to water the trees thoroughly the week after. Future watering parties may be required (Sunday mornings) depending on the rainfall and a call will be put out on Slack if necessary.  TURNPIKE FARM (a small holding with lots of potential) –BEAT currently drawing up a planting plan to take this forward.  DALE’S FIELDS FOR SALE:  Alison Davies and Andrew Kelly have undertaken an initial bird survey of the site – while there was a fair number of birds, they would benefit from more joined up habitats.  ACTIONS:   * AD has organised for a group of us to visit East Keswick Wildlife Trust to learn how they have done things. * FB to research Community Land Trusts, and investigate if this would be a sensible option to buy the land. * Maria Rovisco is investigating a contact who has experience buying land. * Dale Smith said he had no preconceived ideas about who would buy the land, or if it would be a joint project with Burley. * 11acres is about 5000 squares of 3x3m – if getting sponsorship for each square. * Funds for buying community land - See later – can the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) from developers be used, and can the PC give a contribution?   VERGES  FB trying to lobby both Bradford and Leeds Councils to encourage them to leave the verges uncut, at least during May, as part of the No Mow May campaign. ACTION: FB needs to contact Bob Thorpe. |
| 1c | MENSTON WALKS  The Tree walks have now been updated by Hannah, Goodith, Rachel Palfrey and Hazel Goulden, and there will be a mention in the next Menston News. There are plans to get the leaflet printed. |
| 1d | ZERO C ENERGY  Sadly David Palmer is stepping down from running this group due to work pressures.  Work is continuing on information (eg insulation, renewable energy) pages for the website. Andy Walker’s talk will also be put on the website as a resource.  Next presentation – Leeds Solar will give a short talk at our AGM. They have also agreed to include CAM members in their discount scheme (initially set up for Ilkley) for installing solar PV.  September talk – probably on Hydro.  ZCE survey – almost ready for distribution, but need to wait for right moment. |
| 1e | PUBLIC ACTIVISM  Roger and about 10 others took part in a demo outside MP’s office last Saturday highlighting the Green New Deal and the number of jobs this would provide in Shipley. The green jobs would outnumber those lost to Covid. RB to put a link on Slack to find out more.  Maria Rovisco, DP & FB met and discussed how to proceed with PA. They decided to focus on:   * A local project eg rewilding council spaces (FB encouraged people to retweet about NoMowMay) * A national project eg the climate and environment bill. |
| 1f | CULTURE & COMMUNITY – BUSINESS ACTIVISM  Goodith is restarting Steve Proudlove’s initiative to get local businesses to sign up to having a sustainability policy. Any business taking part will get an award – one suggestion was this should be a tree planted to celebrate. |
| 2 | PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATION: |
| 2a | Website:  David B said there is quite a lot of material he needs to put on the site, including some lovely hedgehog webcam shots.  MB suggested we could do with some banners, for when we can meet in person again – anyone willing to sort this out? |
| 2b | Menston News (letter)..  Deadline for next News is 10/5 – please get all articles about each working group to Marilyn and Goodith by 7th May. |
| 3 | Fundraising  Now vacant, as David Palmer is stepping down. The role is mainly a facilitator, providing guidance, and keeping a log of funds applied for and obtained, for audit purposes.   * MB is applying to the Climate Action Shipley fund to carry on work on Main St project. |
| 4 | Finance & Banking update   * Balance £475 & £30 cash |
| 5 | Membership  Currently 49 (creeping up v slowly). However, only 24 have paid. We need more members for credibility, and to help run our campaigns.  Anyone joining from May will not have to pay until November.  DB reported that CAI use a membership system, which automates much of the hard work. Has a small cost, but may be worth it, and would help us be GDPR compliant.  Vicki T reminded the meeting that we need an outreach strategy, particularly to engage with younger people eg Instagram, and we don’t have the expertise to do this.  The use of Nudge theory is helpful – perhaps contacting non-active members and asking why they aren’t active, then explaining that it is causing us a problem – this can encourage people to do the right thing. ACTION – to discuss at the Executive meeting.  One suggestion, that we could suggest to each non-member that their membership fee would be waived if they introduce one other new, paying member. |
| 6 | Planning Updates:  Jamie has contacted Bellway to encourage them to plant trees at the bottom of the site. We can provide the trees. Currently Bellway is sponsoring MIB.  People wanted to know if there is to be pedestrian access from the site to Hawkesworth Drive, or a wider pavement down Bingley Road.  The meeting is keen to understand what happens to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) paid by Bellways and other developers. Some goes to the PC, but we need transparency about how much they get and how it is being spent. ACTIONS: Jamie to enquire of the PC and Chris to trawl throught the PC accounts and glean what he can. |
| 7 | AOB  Volunteers needed for Executive Vacancies – to be filled at the AGM:   1. Goodith White is stepping down as Acting Chair – any volunteers for the post? 2. Francesca Bridgewater would be happy to hand over the role of Secretary to another member, to give her more time to work on the subgroup work! 3. Fundraising Officer is also vacant. |
| 8 | Date of Next meetings:  Full General Meeting AGM – Wednesday 9th June 2021 7:30pm via Zoom  Executive Meeting – Wednesday 26th May 2021 at 7:30pm via Zoom |