

**Climate Action Menston**  
**Minutes of AGM held on 21st June 2023 at Kirklands.**

1	<p>Welcome from the Chair by Marilyn Banister.</p> <p>Simon D'Vali from Bradford Council Highways set out the traffic measures being proposed for Menston plus Q and A. <a href="#">Consultation</a> closes Fri 30/6/2023.</p> <p>Catherine Carter then gave a presentation on her experience of the “Carbon Literacy and the Environment Agency’s net zero ambition training. The EA is using the <a href="#">Carbon Literacy Project</a> to inform its strategy and encourage those working there to reach next zero. So targets are set for the business and pledges made by individuals.</p> <p>Questions were raised on how net zero is measured - Science Based Targets Initiative ( <a href="#">SBTI</a>) and the efficacy of any offsetting.</p> <p>The formal AGM then took place: In attendance were the following members: Alison Davies David Bridgewater Francesca Bridgewater Karen Casson Chris Steele Roger Banister Goodith White Hazel Goulden Catherine Carter</p> <p>Plus 12 others for part of the evening.</p> <p>Apologies: Dale Smith Tommy Knowland Jamie Needle Adele Fletcher</p>
2	<p><a href="#">Minutes</a> of the meeting held on 22nd June 2022. Proposed by Chris Steele and seconded by Roger Banister as a correct record of the meeting. All agreed.</p>
3	<p>Matters arising - none.</p>
4	<p><b>CAM Annual report.</b> Marilyn shared <a href="#">slides</a> setting out the work done during the year.</p> <p>Working groups and the <b>One Planet Principles:</b></p> <p><b>Health and Happiness: Encouraging active, social and meaningful lives to promote good health and wellbeing.</b> CAM hosted the Writing for the World workshop with Ella and Lizzie in September 2022.</p>

**Equity and Local Economy: Creating safe and equitable places to live and work which support local prosperity and international fair trade.**

Menston Businesses Backing Climate Action - a partnership between MPC, St John's church, the MBA, MCA and CAM has 17 organisations pledging action.

**Culture and Community: Nurturing local identity and heritage, empowering communities and promoting a culture of sustainable living.**

- a) CAM had a stall at Menston Show in September 2022 and came 2nd in the flag class and 24 pledged to undertake climate actions.
- b) For Great Big Green Week, we partnered with the library to encourage people to write "Letters to Tomorrow". The school, St John's and Writers on the Wharfe were involved with the idea being that the letters can be used to lobby politicians to take greater action on the climate emergency as they can see that their constituents care.

**Land and Nature: Protecting and restoring land for the benefit of people and wildlife.** We maintain the link with Menston Area Nature Trust and have been working with the Eco group at St John's church where veg is now being grown, bug hotels made and an eco quiz held.

**Sustainable Water: using water efficiently, protecting local water resources and reducing flooding and drought.**

We had a presentation from Charlotte Simons from the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust on "slowing the flow" in April 2023.

**Travel and Transport: reducing the need to travel, encouraging walking, cycling and low carbon transport.**

- a) Work on the Vision for Main Street/school crossing not progressed due to external factors.  
Ideas in the Vision can be fed into the "Have your say" on Bradford Council's traffic proposals as above. Surface treatments, parklets rather than cushions/humps could be used to slow traffic in the village. All encouraged to feed back.
- b) "Walking Menston" leaflet, sponsored by two developers in the village, was completed in October 2023 and distributed to Hawthorn Grange and some of St John's View. More houses still to be covered. Thanks to all involved with getting this produced.
- c) Leeds Bradford Airport Airspace Change programme ongoing and will be for many years but straight line departure has been suggested which would be better for us. LCC has issued a breach of condition notice for excessive night flights in 2022 and this year's schedule is supposed to be within the rules but there are more flights due to the closure of Doncaster.
- d) Wharfedale Greenway feasibility is still ongoing but the route from Otley to Burley could be built fairly soon if there was funding. Menston link needs more work.

**Zero Waste: Reducing consumption, re-using and recycling to achieve zero waste and zero pollution**

- a) Community Fridge launched and very successful with CAM members

	<p>involved.</p> <p>b) Recycling event at Kirklands in January with blister packs being the most collected item. Contact with Cohens re; recycling has not borne fruit yet but Superdrug still takes them in Leeds/Keighley but no bulk deposit facility.</p> <p>c) Fascinating visit to the Leeds Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility (RERF) in East Leeds in April. No waste to landfill as it is burned and the energy feeds into the Leeds Pipes scheme. Bradford does send waste to landfill.</p> <p><b>Zero Carbon Energy: making building energy efficient and using renewables.</b></p> <p>Research done on thermal imaging cameras but concluded that thermal leak detectors are easier to use. Carbon monitors have been loaned out on a small scale. Heavy curtains are good and draught excluders could be made. Group to consider loan of an energy kit at their next meeting on 3rd July at 7.45 at Kirklands.</p> <p><b>CAM objects:</b></p> <p>Take action in the village of Menston and immediate surroundings to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Raise awareness of the climate emergency;</li> <li>● Enhance our local environment;</li> <li>● Strive for carbon neutrality and beyond in our area and in our own lives.</li> </ul> <p>In February, we looked at a Menston household footprint - 21 tonnes of CO2 compared to 15 in Bradford and 16 as an average in GB. Goods and service make up the majority, then housing; food and travel are about equal and then a small amount for waste. The challenge for CAM is bringing that down to zero!</p> <p><b>Communications:</b></p> <p>Slack and membermojo for contacting members - now 26. Email, posters, website, facebook and twitter all need updating and thanks to all involved with that. Also, Letters to tomorrow as activism - to lobby for change.</p>
5	<p>Annual accounts - see <a href="#">accounts</a>.</p> <p>Current funds stand at £831.23</p>
6	<p>Election of Officers and Executive Committee for the next year:</p> <p>Chair: Marilyn Banister</p> <p>Vice Chair: Chris Steele</p> <p>Membership Secretary: Karen Casson</p> <p>Secretary: Karen Casson</p> <p>Treasurer: Roger Banister</p> <p>Fundraising Officer: vacant but not required at present</p> <p>Communications and Publicity Officer:</p> <p><b>Plus up to five elected members:</b></p> <p>Francesca Bridgewater.</p>

7	Discussion of any proposals given to CAM at least 7 days in advance of the meeting. None received.
8	Next General meeting on Wednesday 20th September 2023 in Kirrklands.