**IDE PARISH COUNCIL-CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 6 November**

**at 3 Cobbe House**

**Attended by:** Alex Goodman, James Romain, Carolyn Tysoe, Richard Cottle, Andy Bragg, Jenny Lundh, Pip Smithson, Mark Thomas, Andy Swain

Also Andrew McCarthy of Dunchideock PC and Chris Wood of Hitisleigh.

## Minutes

Discussed the idea of a questionnaire to all residents.

Hittisleigh climate emergency group have a public meeting and would like someone from Ide CEWG to speak. CT might do it.

Solar panels on the school. Fruitful meeting with David Cox to discuss funding. The school will be applying.

AS has done a template based on a Carbon Footprint calculator but it is long and onerous. It is felt we need something much simpler to engage people, not put them off.

If we are going to carbon footprint individuals, we need to support them 1:1.

We intend to run a Public event. Expect this to be an evening in January. The format will be short speakers followed by questions and debate, rather than a drop in.

PS will co-ordinate the Event, (not host it) and set up something involving pledges.

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RC to do 10-15 minutes on the CCC Report – the way to reach carbon neutral.

ABr and JL 10-15 minutes on rewilding and current activities

Would like to encourage people to make commitments (large or small). We want people to leave the meeting feeling inspired. With things we can do.

The upcoming General Election is clearly very relevant. The CEWG should be party neutral but should not be policy neutral. We will Approach all candidates with some specific questions about Climate and Ecology and publish their responses. JR will co-ordinate this. Any ideas for questions to the candidates please send to him.

There is now a national lottery climate fund. This could be a useful source of funding.

East Budleigh church was recently awarded “Devon’s Best Churchyard” partially because of its habitat management. AS to contact Nick Bradley about habitat management in Ide.

Discussion of “Local champions” people prepared to do a carbon footprint, make some pledges and follow up in a year. AS to circulate details of carbon footprint calculators and invite volunteers in the group and via Ide times.

Discussion of rewilding Patches in Ide. Possible tie up with the open gardens. RC and MT to progress.

GA is progressing Plastic Free Ide. It needs a public event.

AS met with Tim Rutherford, head of West Exe. They are very keen to help make Balls farm road safe for students and staff, and are running a guided walk/cycling day on 19th November for students.

Next meeting 4th December 7:45 venue tbd.

Action Points.

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