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

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON Tuesday 2 September**

**at 7.30pm**

**Attended by:** Andy Swain, Andy Bragg, Jenny Lundh, Richard Cottle, Pip Smithson, Ann Boyce.

Actions in **Bold**

Update on school Solar project

ABo:Solar panels at school - we were just organising the third quote when Covid hit. Dealing with this meant that thoughts of solar panels went onto the back burner. Linked plans to redevelop the school’s kitchen and catering arrangements were similarly postponed. I see no reason why we should not continue with this process when things settle at school after the return.

Planning at top of college lane - **JL to do a group response**

Recycling guide progress...

**ABo: I am happy to get recycling guide completed**. Alex has done nearly everything just a case of working through the checking of all the agencies referred to. Will set myself a deadline of 15 September. We can publish in Ide Times, Village Website.

Plastic free progress...

GA:Haven’t left quite yet, have been trying to compile everything plastic free we’ve done into one documents to send to SAS. However my laptop has recently died so am hoping it can all be recovered (will know by the end of the week). I do however leave on the 26th of September so I will try to make the next meeting and pass on plastic free ide to whoever wants it.

PS:I said I’d help with plastic free and I think Alex said she would and Georgie suggested her mum would help.

AG: Can't take on more at the moment. (no problem, thanks)

**GA: Please make sure you pass on all the information**, and thank you for all you have done.

**AS To Ask Cas if she could still help run litter picks, or ask Kate Morley**

Reducing Carbon / Aims of the group

JL:I'd like to focus on carbon reduction. how? or most effective work we can do on this?

AS: A Carbon reduction plan for the village? Other councils at all levels have done this. We set out originally to do it, but have stalled because it is so hard to assess the footprint of a village. Too big for individual surveys, too small for national data sets. There must be a way to do something meaningful here.

ABo:  Might it be helpful to re-examine our aims and set some targets?

RC: Get people to commit to turning a % of land to wild.

**AS: Look up TDC and DCC Carbon Plans**

Reminder we are a Climate **and Environment** working group.

**AS: set up a lobbying group.** To include initially ABo, JL, RC.

AS: latest rules on gathering for meetings.

Government advice dated 23 June

you can meet in any outdoor space in a group of up to 6 people from different households

single adult households – in other words adults who live alone or with dependent children only – can continue to form an exclusive ‘support bubble’ with one other household

you can also meet in a group of 2 households (anyone in your support bubble counts as one household), in any location ‒ public or private, indoors or outdoors. This does not need to be the same household each time.

We can meet in groups of 6 outdoors. This includes the WTF Yard.

Rewilding progress..

RC to update

ABo: last Sunday’s Countryfile was all about ‘Wild East’ and was very inspiring.  Could we increase the emphasis on working towards a ‘Wild West’ as part of our remit?

**ABo to write something in Ide times about Wild West.**

**Kate Morley** - would she be our wildlife rep?

**ABo +Kate to talk to ABr about Chillies copse.**

Messaging - Ide times, James funding

AG:I did chat with Mark Thomas about the CWEG fb page he set up. He thought anyone could post to it but I can’t seem to and so if no-one else can either I’ll see if he can change it and if not I could set a new one up so long as there’s someone else who would be willing to post events/news to it as well as I don’t go on fb that often.

JR: I have been very busy with heat pump installations and we are changing over old oil systems to heat pumps and on average completing between 1-2 a week. There is a new Government scheme available (Green House Grant) to incentivise people to improve the fabric of their buildings and change over to air/ ground source heat pumps. It is aimed at lower income households who could receive up to £10,000 voucher for improvements. The scheme has some limitations which mean that if you have the voucher payment it will come off the RHI payment that you would receive over the 7 year period, so could argue this isn’t a new pot of money! This voucher will be especially beneficial for solar thermal as the lower voucher should cover the cost of the installation £5000, when the RHI return over the 7 years would be lower than the voucher amount. I can write up a piece for this scheme as it will be available in September. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/quality-assurance-at-heart-of-new-2-billion-green-homes-grants>

**AS: Add Kate Morley to the mailing list-done**

**ABo / PS Talk to Marisa Bossano about seasonal food**, A few sentences \*11 for ide  Times, and perhaps recipes etc to add a bit more.

Next Meeting: Tue 6 Oct 7pm At West Town Farm

Informal/social 3rd tuesday of month, 7pm at poachers