IDE PARISH COUNCIL-CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON LINE on Tuesday 6 October

Attended by: Andy Swain, Pip Smithson, Kate Morley, Richard Cottle, James Romain, Ann Boyce, Maresa Bossano

Lobbying

ABo, JL, AS are starting a lobbying group. Will look at the open consultation on the government white paper - https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future

Recycling guide

Was published in Ide times and looks good. We will need to update it.

AS to post it on Ide village web site.

PS suggests lobbying Teignbridge on filmy plastics and tetra pack recycling

PS to ask Sainsbury's how they recycle filmy plastics – is there a way we can collect locally and recycle separately.

Plastic free

Georgie Ambrose has done an 11 page report, she has emailed SAS for an update not heard back yet.

PS To contact SAS find out where we are up to and what more needs to be done for the accreditation.

PS to Create a plastic free Ide email address

PS to Talk to Balls farm about strawberries

MB to Look at crisp packets. What are the options? We can’t commit to processing waste. What is possible?

PS to do an update for Ide Times and Ide Facebook group about plastic free Ide.

Rewilding

Maps and plans taking shape.

RC to circulate for comments.

We could do this as part of “Caring for Gods Acre” or alone. Not clear yet which is preferred. Ide School are rewilding the hedges in the school.

Ide School could do quadrant Surveys before and after the rewilding.

Would encourage Mostly Perennials, less work and better in shade

Kate is nature warden for Longdown. Suggest need similar overarching role in Ide.

Small projects, e.g. make hedgehog houses.

ACT are doing wildlife wardens, but it needs to be wider than that, include ecology.

Emphasize what people can do in their gardens.

KM would help liaise with larger groups but not Ide householders.

Abo, KM to put something on wild Ide Facebook, inviting a volunteer wild Ide champion

KM to talk to Claire Wills about possibly doing this.

Survey Forms from the public event, What happened to them? Seems to have got lost after lockdown.

James to find the survey feedback forms, see who was offering what and how we can get more people involved.

ABo reminds us all to keep writing things for the Ide times. The Ide Times pieces are really good, but we should not expect Ann to do all the writing.

Green Homes Grant

Government. measures to back up renewable energy and insulation improvements vouchers up to £5k, or £10k if on benefits. Can use on heat pumps but not PV, the RHI already covers heat pumps but the voucher gives money up front.

JR to write this up in Ide Times. Deadline is 20th of month.

Planning issues updates – AS To check

Pynes farm, did they upgrade the climate plan?

Skip parking at Alphington.

Houses at top of College

Chillies Copse Andy Kate to meet at chillies copse to discuss.

MB to contact CAG Groups and report back next meeting on how they can help..

Update on Balls farm road. Traffic surveys show huge decrease in traffic on BFR, also a big increase in walking and cycling – around double. AS is putting together a report for Devon Highways.

Meetings are 1st Tuesday in the month 7pm.

Next meeting will be Tuesday 3 November 7pm.