## Climate Emergency Action Group

## 20 Apr 2021

Present

Cllr Jacqi Hodgson

Sylvia Dell (minutes)

David Cutting (environmentalist)

Sue Misselbrook (Bridgetown, Berry Pomeroy counsellor)

Ian Bright (TRESOC)

Richard O’Connell (recycling)

John Cummings

Mirella (Shareshed)

Cllr Georgina Allen (planning)

Cllr Victoria Trow

Leslie Nel

Chris Watson

Barbara Philips

Cllr Sarah Collinson

Diana Brown (designer)

### Future Forum

Preparing med and long term plan for the town of Totnes. Aiming to engage a facilitator and looking for representatives from the CEWG. Currently preparing a mission statement.

### Updates from current projects

#### Tree planting

* Baltic Wharf zig zag path - planted 24 cherry trees. Well attended
* Cemetary 6 white flowering cherry trees
* Plans to plant oak trees on parish boundary
* Action - send photos of tree planting - Clare Alford has Tree Planting Facebook page

#### Local water and energy consumption data

* These measure water consumption within the town - still awaiting Mar figures
	+ Malt Mill
	+ True Street
* Energy consumption - Feb - Mar 2021



* New carbon footprint tool - Impact Community Carbon Calculator <https://impact-tool.org.uk/footprint/footprint?parishId=E04003183&footprintType=territorial&scale=per-household>
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#### Our Place Our Planet

Progressing slowly

* Energy - Catherine Munrow (TRESOC minutes) offering energy advice South Devon Group in totnes

#### Sustainable South Hams

They have set up a FB page

We also have a climate emergency FB page - anybody can share their projects and news updates

#### Shareshed

* Library of Things - over 350 items
* Reopened last week - every Thursday 1-5 pm is in Civic Square
* Looking for funding and volunteers, and also repair cafes
* They are looking for funding - suggest you contact SHDC counsellors for locality funding (after May elections)
* Action - Leslie and Mirella to talk funding

#### Measuring Air Quality

* Mobile air quality monitors - we have 2 already and are looking to extend these, taking advantage of short term discounts
* However these are not necessarily appropriate for measuring
	+ NOx
	+ SO2
	+ CO2
	+ Particulates 2.5 and 10 ppm
* What is the purpose of these - awareness raising or something more?
	+ Problem that we need someone with appropriate skills to use the data
	+ Also they cannot be used for decision making as the data does not conform to statutory requirements
	+ Possibly used to put pressure on SHDC to fulfill their legal requirements
* CW put forward information about the data collection monitors which SHDC should be using. SHDC have a climate emergency budget of £500k
	+ Action - CW provide a document about the air quality monitors which can be discussed at Green Travel Steering Group
* Action - invite Sarah Harcombe, environmental health officer to explain what SHDC are currently doing

Renewable energy at the Pavilions

* TRESOC approached Tadpool, running the Pavilions, 6 years ago
* SHDC has freehold of the property and they have to sign the lease - they appeared to be interested but nothing has happened for 2 years
* Action - Totnes Town Councillors are invited to support the proposal with SHDC - take proposal to Full Council
* Action - IB write to our MP (who speaks with SHDC chief exec each week)
* Action - contact Adam Williams - this project ticks every box - IB to contact him

#### Wildflower Verges

* Action - look out for verges that could be managed as wildflower areas
* Action - “Please don’t cut - managed for wildflowers and insects”

#### Climate Emergency Hub

* Action - link Becca with Mirella and Shareshed - engage with them in the Civic Sq on Thursday (JH)

#### Cumulative impacts on wildlife

Deferred to next meeting

#### CEE Bill

DCC officers have expressed support