## Notes Climate Emergency Action Group

## 20 July 2021

Present

Cllr Jacqi Hodgson

Sylvia Dell (notes)

Chris Watson

Ian Bright (TRESOC)

Richard O’Connell (recycling)

David Cutting (environmentalist)

Cllr Colin Luker

Sue Misselbrook (Bridgetown, Berry Pomeroy counsellor)

Dee

Cllr Georgina Allen

Jem Friar

2. Notes from the last meeting - at this <https://www.totnestowncouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2021-06-15-Notes-CERG.pdf>

Matters arising

* CW – first defibrillator going into Bridgetown
* IB – enquiry about KEVICCS to become energy producer
* JH – bird and bat box making session postponed – new date 7 Aug
* JH – Trees for Totnes – Totnes Trust have offered to hold funds. RO’C – Trustee - explained that the purpose of Totnes Trust is to facilitate projects in the town, for example they operate the Town Mill, and also act as fund holder for groups such as Gardening for Health
* JH – Stu Lambert is working on the notes from the Totnes Conversation workshops held in 2019 and putting together a CEE action plan based on the public consultations
* CW – suggested having nets by the Mill Leat to catch rubbish before it enters the river
* RO’C – updates on energy demand – showed consumption declining, probably due to warmer weather – suggested uses for data
  + Annual comparisons
  + % as renewable energy
  + Focus in on a smaller area and compare a before before transition and post transition consumption
* IB explained about residential energy club
  + JH - TTC voted to support TRESOC and the proposal to install PV panels on roof of The Pavilions – this will now go to SHDC
* GA to provide IB with information about the Language School in Civic Square as there is work being undertaken. RO’C to liaise with IB and Tom Holworthy
* Notes agreed

3. Climate & Ecological Emergency updates at[Devon County Council](https://gmail.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8ec15843f67177a6fdf41ca8e&id=b4c32a8e54&e=8fbba4e443)and[South Hams District Council](https://gmail.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8ec15843f67177a6fdf41ca8e&id=09549d0770&e=8fbba4e443)

* District councillors each have £3k locality money for CEE projects. Online application form <https://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/3854/Community-Grants-Funding>
* CW – community EV charging - £1700 per pole ie 2 connections – CW to contact Livwest and Bridgetwon Alive! and submit an application
* CL –information about a project idea for schools to recycle electronic items - E-waste Race - Start the video from about 1min.56sec. to avoid the intro ads. <https://youtu.be/rKav8JCOV24>

4. Launch of wild about Devon

[report](https://gmail.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8ec15843f67177a6fdf41ca8e&id=c899e63776&e=8fbba4e443)

5. SHDC Rewilding public consultation - information at this link:<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKSWDEVON/bulletins/2e7be32>

* RO’C – Plymouth roundabouts with wildflowers
* SM – Newton Abbot roundabouts, Sharpham are rewilding with more tree planting and possibility of beavors
* IB – identify where trees can be planted and what are appropriate species
* CW – S bend on Higher Westonfields – verge has been cut
* IB – green roofs help to keep buildings cooler
* JF – suggest that neighbourhoods could choose to not use Roundup and pesticides – TTC ban their use on council land
* SD – Pledge for Nature <http://www.sustainablesouthhams.org/pledge-for-nature/>
* SD – encourage more wildlife ponds <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/sites/default/files/2021-03/Ponds%20booklet_Web%20spreads_0.pdf>
* DC – need to replace trees removed from the ATMOS site
* JH – space for bees eg Follaton

6. Earth Rebellion - COP at Glasgow 2021

* RO’C – week before is Conference of Youth who will contribute proposals to main CoP
* IB – is hosting the Climate Ambassador from Kenya over the summer. She willI be speaking at Schumacher Event, also invite her to speak at CERG

8. Items for future meetings

9. Any Other Business (time permitting)

* RO’C grants for replacement of storage heaters
* CW – promote the Mend Assembly based at the Town Mill <https://www.mendassembly.com/locations-totnes>
* Green Grants Schemes – update needed
* River Dart water pollution – make it more visible. CW enable growing of kelp and seagrass in river
* JH – write to SWW and ask for records of sewage dumping in river

10. Dates of Next Meetings

* CERG - Tuesday 21 Sept 6-8pm
* Bat and Bird box making session – 7 Aug
* Interim meeting to view progress on CEE plan – 24 Aug