

## CEWG meeting notes – 19.04.22, 18:30 – 20:00

Via Zoom

18:30-20:00

### *Present:*

Cllr Jacqi Hodgson

Maiken Hutchings (Green Travel

Coordinator, notes)

Malcolm Baldwin (Staverton Climate

Emergency - Biodiversity group)

Maggie Cornhill (Totnes Chamber of  
Commerce)

Richard O'Connell (Resident)

Cllr John Cummings

Jim Carfrae (Resident, Plymouth University)

David Cutting

### *Notes*

#### **1. Introductions – who is here**

#### **2. Update from previous meeting**

- a. Meeting on the Joint Local Plan climate planning document
- b. Submissions need to be in by Thursday, assume 9am

#### **3. General discussion while waiting for Jacqi's internet to work**

- a. Biomass - sustainable?
- b. SPAB - Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings ([www.spab.org.uk/](http://www.spab.org.uk/))

#### **4. Discussion of the development plan for Broom Park in Dartington that has been approved**

- a. Dartington - 120 new homes (Broom Park – 80; Sawmills Field – 40)
- b. Questions re building materials
- c. Questions around compliance
  - i. Who ensures compliance with planning permission?
  - ii. Lack of policing
- d. Need for more concerted, targeted / organised community responses to consultations
  - i. Locals need to establish a consensus – what do they want? Otherwise the developers say “there's no consensus of what people want”
- e. Need for an independent forum that is looking at what is going on around Planning as things often get political
  - i. Uncertainty around the options here.

- Need for us to be building communities, not just housing.
  - How can Planning Committee influence this?
  
- How to affect change?
  - Need for consultation to be bottom up rather than top down. Rather than developers coming up with a plan and asking if people want it or not, the development should be based on a consultation on what people want and need.

**5. Brief discussion re holding South West Water accountable for discharges into the Dart**

**6. Transition Streets update**

- a. This will be discussed at the meeting instead

**7. Creating a Totnes Climate and Ecological Emergency Action Plan and policies**

- a. Chamber of Commerce have points to discuss on this, they will circulate these comments prior to the meeting, preferably at least one week in advance

**8. Next meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022, 18:30**

Meeting end 20:00