

Climate Emergency Working Group

17 January 2023

18:30 – 20:00 via Zoom

Present:

Cllr Jacqi Hodgson

Maiken Hutchings – TTC Sustainability Officer (SO)

Frank Benatt

Richard Phillips

Cllr Jill Hannam

Tania Skinner

Actions

- 1) SO to check whether the Local Nature Partnership info has been shared on TTC social media
- 2) SO to find out who owns the industrial estate land identified as suitable for a community composting site
- 3) Cllr Hodgson to speak with SHDC re Follaton as a potential site
- 4) Richard to make contact with the Climate Hub re being part of a core team
- 5) Frank to find some shareable information on wormeries
- 6) Frank to create an initial draft for a leaflet/postcard with key carbon reducing actions

1) Brief introductions

2) Brief run through of minutes from the last meeting 22 November 2022.

- a. Everyone who was present is happy with them
- b. Cllr Hodgson updated that she is still trying to sort out quotes for the action plan leaflet

3) It was agreed that the **focus of the next meeting (14 Feb 2023) will be a discussion of the recently released Devon Carbon Plan**

4) Brief update on the Totnes Town Council budget by Cllr Hodgson

- a. Still £10,000 allocated budget for 2023
- b. DCC have a big hole in their budget – they still have a climate budget but not as much as previous

5) Climate action leaflet / postcard

- a. Discussion around potential for creating a leaflet or postcard with key actions people can take re climate emergency – suggestion made by Frank
- b. Frank to create an initial draft
- c. Needs to be linked to a website so that info stays up to date
- d. Richard mentioned the Take the Jump website

6) Composting discussion

- a. Discussion re potential site at bottom of Barracks Hill, next to allotments

Agreed that the site is not a good option due to:

- i. The site tends to flood and issues re access for vehicles
- ii. Legalities of the land are complicated
- iii. Concern re effluent and runoff getting into watercourses
- iv. Concern re potential for vermin, not a hard surface

- b. Discussion re potential site on Wills Rd on industrial estate

- i. Would be better as hard surface, vehicle access, proximity to recycling point, etc.
- ii. Unknown who owns the land. SO to investigate.

- c. Cllr Hodgson mentioned the possibility of Follaton as a location

- d. Bridgetown location would also be supported but uncertainty re potential locations

- e. Discussion around funding requirements and site monitoring needs

- i. SHDC up to £7,500 specifically for community composting projects
- ii. TTC climate budget of £10,000

- f. Discussion re composting and rats

- i. If done right, not an issue

- g. Suggestion that it would be good to have a meeting on site, plus to get someone out from either Ashprington or South Brent to give advice

- h. Discussion around who might be part of a core organising group

- i. Main issue will be finding enough people
- ii. RP to ask Climate Hub if interested
- iii. Frank happy to be part of core group

7) AOB

- a. Reminder of event at St John's Church on Saturday 21st 2023

<https://ttm.churchsuite.com/events/3ovptzg3>

- b. Wild camping protest walk, Saturday 21st 2023

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/raise-old-crockern-to-defend-dartmoor-tickets-514716339427>

Next meeting: 14 Feb 2023 – main topic will be the Devon Carbon Plan