

BRENTWOOD CLIMATE ACTION

Members' Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24th March 2022

Held at The Chicken & Frog, Crown Street, Brentwood and via zoom

In attendance: Katherine Anderson, Melissa Borris, Sandra Ferreira, John Gibson, Roy Hendley, Frances Howard, David Kendall, Derek Kortlandt, Susan Kortlandt, Wendy Sant, Jane Winter (11)

On zoom: Philippa Brown, Laurie Edmonds, Julian Goode, David Jobbins, Margaret Kelly, Caryl Kwei, Richard Millwood, Jenny Rhodes, Brenda Underwood, Eric Watts, Pauline Watts (11)

1. Apologies for absence

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 23 November 2021.

Agreed

3. Action Groups on WhatsApp

Members were encouraged to sign up to at least one of the Groups, copies of which were circulated with the invitation to attend this meeting.

These are the forums for taking projects and ideas forward. The Group Co-ordinators will be invited to feed back progress at the bi-monthly meetings.

Feedback from Action Groups – to this meeting:

- **Education**

Schools Climate Change Conference Programme.

The first in the sequence was held on November 11th at the Anglo European School as reported previously. Three projects are being taken forward and will be progress reported back to the second in the sequence to be held at St. Martin's School on 28 or 29 June – date being confirmed with the 7 secondary schools in the Borough. These are on Air Quality near the 3 schools in Ingatestone, and the students walk from the train station to the school, on traffic calming near the Anglo European School and on re-purposing of textiles donated by the Design Guild and villagers.

A group of students and a member of staff from St. Martin's are working on the programme with the help of Richard Millwood from the BCA.

School Travel Plan for Primary Schools

Sandra Ferreira is leading on this and the Hogarth School is the pilot. A 'big school travel plan' identifying where the children travel from includes work on air quality. The children will measure it, collect the data and understand what it means and its impact on respiratory

problems amongst other things. They will then present their findings to a school assembly attended by their parents with a view to changing behaviours.

The Anglo European school is lending their air quality monitor purchased and owned by Ingatestone & Fryerning Parish Council to make the initial readings.

The BCA Funding Group will work with the Education Group on this, to see if more equipment can be purchased as the project is rolled out.

The Lobbying Group will engage Brentwood Borough Council to see what support they can give as part of their Environment Strategy on Air Quality etc. and Essex County Council, which has just received a large Government Grant to 'teach the next generation the importance of air quality'.

If there is an asthma nurse amongst our membership, Sandra would wish to liaise with him/her.

- **Finance**

Frances confirmed that BCA now has a bank account. The structure of BCA remains under discussion with further advice being sought from the Friends of the Earth.

- **Lobbying**

The Group had met and prepared two questions to the BBC Full Council which were submitted and spoken to by Sue on the day. One concerned the lack of EVCs in the Borough, performing as second 'worst' in Essex, and the other about solar panels that could be installed on all BBC owned premises. Responses will be referred to the Power and Environment Groups to be taken forward.

The Group will consider the Petition we have running to request BBC call a Climate Emergency in respect of promoting it again.

The Lobbying Group is standing by to receive subject matter from the Action Groups to submit to further council meetings.

7. Date of next meetings and locations: Tuesday 17 May & Thursday 14 July - both at 7.30pm at the Chicken & Frog bookshop, and online via Zoom.

- **Environment**

Participation during the was Great British Spring Clean - Keep Britain Tidy fortnight was agreed for two events on Saturday April 9. The hi-vis vests and litter pickers given to us by National Enforcement Solutions will be used.

Melissa volunteered to design a flyer for the events to encourage our members to join in to clean up and to raise our profile at the Courage Playing Fields and King George's Playing Fields.

John Gibson, a Rotarian, encouraged our members to download the App on the treekly website which allow us to participate in the International campaign by the Rotary Club to plant Mango trees in Madagascar every time we walk/run 5,000 steps.

Eric asked us take the initiative forward described at a previous meeting by David Hale, to turn old traffic cones into containers for tree saplings. There is still a lot of support for this amongst members.

- **Future Meetings**

We will continue to meet in a hybrid format with our base as the Chicken & Frog bookshop in Crown Street, and also using Zoom.

The members meeting will be every two months, with the convenors of the Action Groups joining the Steering Group along with the existing officer holders and meeting monthly.

The agenda of the members meeting will include reports from the Groups, so the range of activities taken forward and being planned are known by all.

We are Brentwood Climate Action.

Next Meetings:

Tuesday 17 May, 7.30pm

Thursday 14 July, 7.30pm