

BRENTWOOD CLIMATE ACTION

Members' Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17th May 2022

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

In attendance: Katherine Anderson, Georgia Earing, Frances Howard, Margaret Kelly, David Kendall, Derek Kortlandt, Susan Kortlandt, Ian Kirby, Richard Millwood, Jeremy Webb, Otilie West, Jane Winter (12)

On zoom: Sandra Ferreira, Julian Goode, Paul Jeater, David Jobbins, Caryl Kwei, Ifeoluwa Oluwaponle, Jenny Rhodes, Tessa Webb (8)

1. Apologies for absence : Gareth Barrett, Tim Barrett, Julie Gooding, David Kendall, Will Russell, Wendy Sant (6)

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 24 March 2022.

Agreed

3. What's App Groups

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. Georgia Earing has volunteered to lead the What's App group on Engagement from now on.

Feedback from What's App Groups – to this meeting:

- **Education**

Schools Climate Change Conference Programme.

The date for the second conference has been set for 29th June 2022.

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 took measurements over a five-day period, collected the data and understand what it means and its impact on respiratory problems amongst other things. They will present their findings to parents with a view to changing behaviours.

If possible some pupils together with Sandra will present this work to the schools conference on 29 June along with the Anglo European school students who have been

Measuring air quality in Ingatestone.

Funding Group is working with the Education Group on this, to see if more equipment can be purchased as the project is rolled out via a bid to the Brentwood Community Fund.

The Lobbying Group is engaging with Brentwood Borough Council to see what support they can give as part of their Environment Strategy features 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.

Jenny promoted Clean Air Day on 16 June and spoke of actions being taken elsewhere.

www.actionforcleanair.org.uk/campaigns/clean-air-day

<https://addresspollution.org>

Kings College London, was suggested as worth approaching as they are investigating air quality and solutions.

- **Finance & Fundraising**

Frances confirmed that BCA now has a bank account. Details will be put on the website so donations can be made. A donation from 'National Solutions' will cover the cost of the stall at the Strawberry Fayre.

Donations were agreed to be the preferred method of gaining financial support rather than a membership fee.

Bank details: Account 67235957 Code 08-92-99 Brentwood Climate Action

- **Lobbying**

The Lobbying Group continues to stand by to receive subject matter from the WA Groups to submit to further council meetings.

Local supermarkets are being approached to understand why EVCs are not installed in their car parks.

- **Power**

Actions to date include working with the Lobbying Group to continue pressure on Brentwood Council to install Borough-wide access to EVCs.

- **Well-Being**

No actions are being reported at this time.

- **Environment**

The initiative to use old traffic cones as a planting source for saplings and seeds was discussed further and will be taken forward by the group to be ready for the tree planting

season in November. This combines with the Trees for Life project in Hutton Country Park established by Jenny. Once action has been agreed the engagement and lobbying groups will begin the promotion.

Ottillie spoke of the Tree Strategy being prepared by Alan Marsh. The WA Groups are keen to see this in order to work successfully with it.

Paul reported that Ingatestone & Fryerning Parish Council are funding '70 trees for the Jubilee' project, with saplings to be offered for nurture prior to planting out in around 3 years' time – to children at the primary school initially.

Members were concerned at the tree work being undertaken by the Council on Shenfield Common and Warley Country Park. The engagement group will work with the environment group, to establish what exactly and why this work is taking place, and publicise this on our social media platforms.

Jenny asked if everyone was aware of the National Grid proposals to put a huge pylon route through the area east of Brentwood.

www.nationalgrid.com/east-anglia-green

The GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK will run from 24 September to 2nd October. Members were asked to consider what we should do during that period.

- **Engagement**

Georgia stepped forward to take the 'actions' of this group forward.

Clean Air Day could be promoted if time allows.

Ottillie reported that the draft 'Environment Strategy' will be out for consultation for a possible 6 -10 week period, following a launch event in June.

Richard offered help with school contacts to reach young people across the Borough.

Kat has booked a stall at the Strawberry Fayre on Shenfield Common from 11am on 18th June. The purpose of this is to raise awareness of BCA and hopefully sign up more members. There will be a scavenger hunt to encourage participation of children.

Members are asked to let Kat know if they can attend on the day. We will be wearing our Hi-Vis jackets and doing some litter picking too.

The stall may be shared with Fairtrade – Caryl will confirm this, but the scavenger prize may be Fairtrade chocolate. There could be a fundraising raffle with a Fairtrade prize too.

Literature on BCA and how to donate will be available to hand out.

It was agreed that a part of a future Members' Meeting could involve instruction on how to use social media.

David raised the question of how BCA works with other environmental groups e.g. Extinction Rebellion (there is a branch in Chelmsford), Insulate Britain as we are all working

to improve our environment now and for the future. It was agreed to invite a representative from such an organisation to speak at a future Members' meeting.

7. Date of next meeting and location: Thursday 14 July, at 7.30 at the Chicken & Frog and on zoom.

- **Future Meetings**

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

The members meeting will be every two months with the convenors of the WhatsApp Groups forming the Steering Group along with officer holders 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**.

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Jane Winter

Secretary

18 May 2022