

Climate Emergency Meeting

1. Background

A Community Meeting was set up to be held in the Memorial Hall, which was cancelled due to the Covid-19 lockdown in March.

This meeting was due to be held in the first week of lockdown.

2. Purpose

The purpose of the Climate Emergency Meeting was to define a set of community initiatives to address the climate emergency, as far as possible, at the community level.

This would create a set of initiatives defined by the community enabling the Parish Council to proceed with community support.

The key purpose is to obtain community input to building the Parish Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan.

3. Proposal

It is proposed to hold a virtual Climate Emergency Meeting as it will not be possible to hold a community meeting in person until next May, at the earliest.

4. Virtual Meeting

4.1. Overview

The timing of the meeting will be the first week in December and is expected to last around 2 hours.

B&NES are building experience of facilitating virtual community meetings and are willing to help facilitate this meeting which will benefit from previous lessons learnt – i.e. the do's and don't's.

This will involve B&NES Sustainability and B&NES Community Engagement groups.

A planning meeting with B&NES has been setup for Wednesday 11 November.

The purpose of the virtual meeting will be the same – to obtain community input to the Climate Emergency Plan.

The virtual meeting will use a B&NES meeting environment, which is now licensed for Wiltshire residents to use due to the close working between B&NES and Wiltshire.

4.2. Meeting Format

The initial thoughts on the format of the meeting are:

- Welcome, Agenda and Meeting Overview
- Short talk from a guest speaker on the big picture – action needed now.
- Children's input – pre-prepared video
- Short talk from B&NES – big local issues, B&NES policies and what they need from us

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- Short talk on Freshford
- Break-out groups
 - Smaller discussion groups
- Feedback from each break-out group
- Summary
- Next Steps

4.3. Attendees

Wide reach – we want at least 10% of Parish to attend (voters and youth)

- Invite to be extended to Hinton, Winsley, Westwood, Limpley Stoke?
- We want big land owners (Beeswax Dyson, local farmers) and Freshford Mill, Pub, Galleries, School, Woodland Trust?
- MPs, B&NES

4.4. Themes

Possible themes for the break-out groups:

- Renewables
- Transport
- School
- Home efficiency
- Changing consumer behaviour
- Tree planting/ecology
- Neighbourhood Plan / Planning

4.5. School involvement

Essential to get the school involved early.

Speak to Andrew Wishart on how we can best educate on climate/nature emergency and get them doing some art (logo?) or kids wish list (top 5) that we can feed in via a video.

- Needs to be done in November, pre the meeting
- If art, then do a show in the Galleries if space and time
- Create a video of their thoughts/wishes

4.6. Issues

How to ensure that everybody can take part. Need to consider those who do not have the technology at home.

How to setup and manage the Breakout Groups.

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4.7. Communication Plan

The initial outline (draft) communication plan is:

- Save the date
- Weekly emails to get them thinking, clarify agenda/format, call out for those without technology to let us know so we can set something up
- Parish magazine
- Candy boards
- After meeting – summary document sent out
- Follow up on initiatives