Draft Notes on the Climate Emergency Meeting

held at Hallsannery on Friday 17th January 2020 at 2pm

**Present**

Mary Brooks (Village Hall Committee)

Sally Cornford

Mari Galvin

Chris Hassell (LLPC)

Pete Jollands

Pip Jollands

Judy Phillips

Sarah Read (LLPC)

Rob Reed

Nici Rymer (LLPC)

Cathy Slaughter

Janet Smith (Village Hall Committee)

Sue Tait

Norma Tregoning (LLPC)

**Apologies**: Jill Turner

Pete agreed to Chair the meeting in Pat Haddrell’s place.

How do we - Adapt to changes we will face as a community

* Cope with the effects
* Reduce our carbon footprint locally (and nationally)
* Mitigate the climate emergency

It was agreed to name the group CALL – Climate Action Littleham and Landcross. It was important to have a rep from the farming community on the group. Joy or Phil Pennington was suggested.

Cathy Slaughter (I didn’t hear what position she had) connected to Bideford Town Council (BTC) spoke of how Bideford had agreed to set aside 2% of its budget ( approx. £10K) to create a hub in Jubilee Square to inform and engage with the public on environmental issues and publicise best practise re the climate emergency through leaflets and information boards. BTC was hoping for it to be operational around April. Volunteers were to be trained to explain to the public on various topics. Raise awareness through Social media posters etc.

BTC was also looking into solar panels being installed on the pannier market roof and

town housing to be insulated.

Bideford Neighbourhood Plan was about to be enlarged to cover local surrounding villages

Janet Williams (Environmental & Community Safety Manager) of Torridge District Council (TDC) was looking into public electric charging points for electric cars - could one be located at Littleham Village Hall.

TDC had requested £150K from DEFRA for an electric bike scheme.

Ilfracombe had crowd funded for a climate hub.

Mari had been in touch with TDC and 361 Energy and Climate Action North Devon. They are community lead groups for action on climate change/climate emergency and low carbon energy.

If LLPC declared a Climate Emergency in its Minutes what implications would it carry and would it enable access to any specific funding?

Wind power could power air or ground source heating for village hall – however the current TDC planning permission on wind turbines would object. Lobbying was required to change attitudes. LLPC could apply for a pre planning application FOC if the village hall or PC put a proposal forward.

There was a planning appeal for a wind turbine in Dolton – it would be interesting to hear the outcome of the decision.

Solar panels and battery storage would also be a possibility for the Village Hall. As a community building would it get match funding from an environmental/climate change funding stream?

Devon County Council (DCC) was carrying out research into the climate emergency. Lobby government for more incentives to reduce carbon footprint and environmental benefits. DCC was also in the process of creating Citizen Assemblies.

Carbon Footprint – Ashton Hayes a village in Shropshire had carried out a carbon footprint survey for each dwelling, the results of which were collated anonymously. It was agreed that this could be carried out here as a baseline for the future. Pete had downloaded the questionnaire and had agreed to collate all the replies. This should go on the Agenda for the next LLPC meeting. A pre amble should be printed in the Crosslet to explain to parishioners the importance of the survey.

Also a state of the parish report should be collated – biodiversity, wildlife sites etc.

Richard Haste (Waste and Recycling Manager) TDC had spoken at a LLPC meeting a few years ago. Recently he had also spoken at a Bideford Forum and stated that most of the recycling picked up by the Council was being recycled as locally as possible and nothing was being sent overseas. There was a lot of misinformation and confusion on recycling generally.

Recycling – at Caddstown and household recycling collection needs to be investigated by CALL. Caddesdown was run by DCC. Some of this went into landfill or was incinerated near Bristol.

Tree Planting – The Pennington’s had said they would plant some trees on their land. The Playing Field could also have some trees or a hedge planted depending on what was permissible on their deeds. DEFRA was researching suitable trees to plant for the future to with stand global warming.

Establish a tree nursery – Sally offered some ground – could also approach Nicola Macdonald.

Village children could collect acorns and beech nuts and watch them grow (Sara Pearcy had already started this with children from the village).

Village Hall Committee – new bins /collection point to collect Terasack, crisp packets etc

Lobby producers to produce environmentally friendly packing

https://www.terracycle.com/

Wild flower planting on verges etc – it had been tried in the past and was not as easy to establish.

Engage and Involve the young. Galvanize local population to feel involved/ownership

Organise Informative talks- Bee Keeping and climate change, Vegetarian cookery demonstration…

Climate Action theme for the Village Fete – 4th July – Info stall

Draw information from other groups – join forums?

**ACTIONS**

Electric car charging point at village hall MARI

Tree planting in playing field /tree nursery Biodiversity Group/VHC

Wind Turbine solar and battery – crowd funding? Village Hall Committee

Lobby institutions for change SUE

Wild flower verges and bulbs Biodiversity Group

Add Questionnaire to Agenda for PC SARAH

Explanatory page for Crosslet PETE / (ANDREW T)

Questionnaire (for 250-300 households) printed on green paper? PETE

Publicize events village Website (new webpage for CALL) NORMA/ANDREW

Source Grants and Funding CALL

Recycling CALL

QUESTION:

( I think the LLCP needs to update the Parish Plan as I have said before… to include the climate emergency – could this also be put on the Agenda Sarah?)