

MINUTES of the Climate Action Group of St Just Town Council held on Wednesday 3 June 2020 at 5.15 pm, via Zoom (thanks to Niki for setting this up.)

Present

Cllrs M Blundy (Mayor), C Moore(chair), Debbie Shephard, also Ian Willsdon (on and off), Deb Pepper, Niki de Palma, Andy Harper and Alison Law.

Apologies

Grenville Prowse

The minutes of the meeting on 6 May were approved and signed.

1. Matters Arising Marna enquired of Cornwall Council regarding tetrapaks but got nowhere.

2. Declarations of interest/dispensations None

3. Wheal Buzzy and Library

The Wheal Buzzy Project have received £500 from Sue James's Community Chest, and have submitted a grant application to the Town Council. They are still working with the AONB, have been in touch with St Just in Bloom and are hoping to be able to resume activities with schools. Bosavern Farm have planted wildflower meadows around their car park.

Constance thanked Debbie Shephard for her hard work mowing the grass around the library and planting wild flowers. Ian has more plants available. There was a discussion on creating more wildflower areas around the other sides of the library; Ian has contacts who were involved in creating wildflower meadows for the London Olympics.

Cutting of verges by Cormac has greatly lessened, an improvement.

4. Climate Change Development Plan Document

Constance thanked everyone for their contributions to this and summarised the group response she had sent in:

Food security, sustainability and self sufficiency, including local control and support for food networks and hubs, farmers markets, small growers and allotments on developments.

More renewable energy projects, including solar/insulation/water reclamation on new builds.

Less cutting of verges, less plastic in farming, less streetlighting, wildflower areas and wildlife corridors on developments.

Support for public transport and electric buses, charging points and cycle paths (and no spaceport.)

We will ask whether responses to this consultation will be made public, and what follow ups there will be.

5. Any other business

Discussion about the proposed leaflet, which will need changes to address the Covid19 situation and how we coped with it, with positive stories of how the community pulled together and suggestions for the "new normal." Andy will send out the present version for others to add to. It is hoped it will be able to go out in the autumn.

Niki enquired about a Town Council general action plan which our climate action plan can form part of – does not seem to be one at the moment.

The Town Council will be discussing the offer from Lyla Byrne who has a forest garden in Cot Valley, and it is hoped this will be something that St Just in Bloom can work with. She has offered plants,

and has suggested there may be land available in St Just, possibly meaning the greens in Lafrowda Close which are owned by LiveWest housing association.

Ian reported that during the lockdown, subscribers for Bosavern Farm veg boxes have tripled, meaning the farm is on a much better financial footing.

There has been a peaceful climate protest in the Plen each Sunday (distancing) which was originated by Greenpeace, and may change to 12 noon perhaps followed by a picnic. All welcome.

The noticeboard in the Square has not yet been repaired – may be possible to do this in the evenings as the Co-op now closes at 8.

The meeting closed at 6.15.

Next meeting Wednesday 1 July at 5.15 pm.