

Horsley's Climate Action Network Group (C.A.N.)

Minutes of Meeting 11th March 2024 – 9.15am, Rubin Room, WHVH

Present: Catherine Young (Chair), Pip Davis, Claire Brown, Carol Wilson, Sarah Parker, Chris Jany, Jane Howard, Penny Whitlock, Sylvia Igglesden, Juliet Robinson, Roy Proctor.

Andrew Franklin (attended for Agenda item 4.)

1. Welcome and Chair's opening remarks:

CY welcomed everyone, including new members Sylvia Igglesden (EHPC), Chris Jany (St. Martin's EH), Sarah Parker (Volunteer), Jane Howard (Volunteer). CY also welcomed Andrew Franklin who was present to introduce the Repair Café Initiative in EH.

2. Apologies for Absence:

Anthony Etwell, Mel Beynon, Carole Mattock, Steve Harvey, Alex Veys, Christina Harris, and Adrian (Youth Council). Yendle Barwise will next attend in April to give a WHPlace update.

3. Minutes from previous meeting: Agreed

4. Repair Café Initiative

Information on the Repair Café Initiative being progressed by EHPC had been distributed by email prior to the meeting (09/03/2024). Andrew Franklin (EHPC) explained that this would be held on the 3rd Saturday each month in the Canterbury Rooms at St. Martin's church. Volunteers had come forward for the main activities (Mechanical; Electrical; Textile; IT) but more volunteers would always be welcomed. Andrew's main request of C.A.N. was for volunteer help during the startup, and to assist in the running of the initiative. C.A.N. agreed to give this enabling support. It was also agreed that this would be marketed using the Horsley's C.A. N. 'brand', which SI will do. It was noted that CW has specific Textile expertise. CY agreed to assist Andrew with the establishment of the event and AV has also expressed an interest.

5. Youth Council – update:

The Youth Council (YC) had previously shared details of their exciting Clothes Swap event to promote sustainable second-hand fashion, and asked for support from C.A.N. with

5.1 Marketing the event

5.2 Donating to the event

5.3 Volunteering - they need a substantial volunteer team to sort and pack donations, and then to assist on the (7.5-hour) day including set-up and pack-down. If members of C.A.N. are able to commit to any of the 3 days, please let Adrian know.

It was agreed that full support should be given to the YC and help with sign board locations and social media input would be offered. CY will ask if the Horsley's C.A.N. banner can be displayed at the event.

6. Village Survey – update:

No major changes on input to the survey. Agreed another survey was needed in the future and there should be discussion on how to encourage greater survey responses. For now, feedback information to the villages and ensure the results are fed into the Action Plan for C.A.N.

7. Village Events - 2024:

There had been some revision to the previously discussed schedule/content because of speaker availability. The current plan is:

- March 28th – Not proceeding due to speaker availability. Instead, focus on the Youth Council Clothes Swap in April.
- July 9th – WHVH 7.30 – 9.00 p.m. Green Money (pensions and investing with carbon conscious funds). CY to contact SH for speaker details.
- September 30th - Food and food waste (low carbon produce, meal planning, reduced food waste & sustainable food production). CB to contact speakers/panel.
- March 6th, 2025 – Looking after your environment (putting wildlife first). The panel could include someone from SWT, WH Place, Grace & Flavour, GEF. CY to contact speakers/panel.

8. A.O.B

8.1 Information was shared on the actions taken by the EH and WH Parish churches on environmental matters, and particularly under the **Eco Church scheme**.

8.1.1. St Martin's (CJ) Achieved Bronze award with initial activities including measurement of Carbon footprint; enhancement of biodiversity in churchyard (incl. bird boxes, bug hotels, stumpery); energy survey. A team of 4 are involved and further improvement initiatives are envisaged. It was noted by the meeting that people driving to services was probably a large proportion of the Carbon footprint.

8.1.2 St Mary's (PW) also achieved bronze award. Had pursued similar activities to St. Martin's and also noted focus on use of local products; involvement of children in the activities; and sustainable approach to flower arranging.

8.2 The Great Big Green Week is the UK's biggest ever celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature and will take place between 8th and 16th June 2024. C.A.N. will ask EH and WH PCs how they are planning to support this.

8.3 Zero Carbon (Guildford) have new premises at the top of Guildford High Street. Opening date awaited. AGM is Thursday 28th March 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in Trinity Church.

8.4 CB reported on her involvement, at Diocese level, with efforts to move towards **sustainable church flowers**. Imported flowers have a huge Carbon footprint but this is not published by supermarkets as there is no legal requirement. CB also pointed out that there is no Fair-Trade designation available for UK growers, only for growers outside UK.

8.5 RP noted that the recent **U3A monthly meeting** on "Chemistry in the Atmosphere and Climate Change" by Prof. David Phillips was very informative, and well attended.

8.6 JR raised the issue of increasing **Active Travel** in the villages. This will be included as an item on the next meeting agenda.

8.7 CW reported that CH is active in performing **thermal scanning** in the villages.

8.8 It was agreed that a separate meeting was needed to discuss use of various forms of **social media** and **online presence** by C.A.N. CY, CB, SI and SP to meet up.

9. Date of next meeting:

Monday 8th April 2024 at 9.15am in the Rubin Room, West Horsley Village Hall