

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

Minutes of Meeting 1st February 2024 – Zoom

Present: Catherine Young (Chair), Juliet Robinson, Pip Davis, Sue Mills, Christina Harris, Claire Brown, Carol Wilson, Antony Etwell joined later.

1. Welcome and Chair's opening remarks:

CY welcomed everyone to the meeting. Juliet Robinson from East Horsley Parish Council was introduced, Juliet will attend when possible.

Catherine will advise on future meetings for the year.

- Monday at 09:30 works best for the meetings. **Action:** CY to send out amended dates
- Monday 11th March 9.15am Rubin Room WHVHall, then same time and place for 8/4, 13/5, and 10/6. We will then revert to East Horsley Village Hall.

Catherine also advised that she needs to relinquish Chairing the group after the meeting in March due to GBC commitments.

2. Apologies for Absence:

Carol Wilson, Mel Beynon, Carole Mattock, Roy Proctor, Alex Veys, and Adrian (Youth Council). Yendle Barwise will next attend in April to give a WHPlace update.

3. Declarations of Interest:

CY declared her membership of the GBC Climate Change Board, as the local Ward Councillor.

4. Minutes from previous meeting: Agreed

5. Village Survey – update:

Disappointingly, the survey has only been completed by 210 respondents. Most respondents used the QR Code. There were a few climate deniers.

Only 6 respondents have made adjustments to their pensions to exclude high carbon footprint investment companies. It was suggested that a "money/pension talk" event could be useful for parish residents.

Of the concerns in question 2, weather was the biggest concern with children and grandchildren quite low on the list; this could be due to the category of respondents but was a surprise to the group.

48 respondents thought that The Horsley's had a lower carbon footprint than the national average; potentially suggesting that people don't know about carbon footprints.

The type of communication preferred for climate information was by e-mail or by the parish newsletters.

Full details of the village climate survey will be published in the next West and East Horsley Spring Newsletters.

6. Village Events - 2024:

Following on from the success of the previous Climate Change Events it was decided to hold more this year. The events suggested at present for further discussion and planning are:

- March 28th - Looking after your environment (putting wildlife first). The panel could include someone from SWT, WH Place, Grace & Flavour, GEF.
- July 9th - Food and food waste (low carbon produce, meal planning, reduced food waste & sustainable food production)
- September 30th - Green Money (pensions and investing with carbon conscious funds)
- March 2025 - Clothing (second hand and sustainable sourcing).

CY talked to Paul Dodson, Chair of the U3A, with a view to helping with the events. PD confirmed that they would need 3 people to start a climate change group and could then look at giving us support. Farnham U3A do this successfully.

7. AOB:

Repair Café - Andrew Franklin is setting up a "Repair Café" Big thanks to him. 8 volunteers have been found to carry out various repairs and the café will take place on the **3rd Saturday** of the month in the Canterbury Rooms at St. Martins. A plug will be in the EHPC Spring Newsletter and hopefully, to be confirmed, in WHPC Newsletter too.

Wildflower seed for our gardens - Pip has a source for wildflower seed and hot off the press! Simon Ferrar, the founder of Clandon Wood Natural Burial has agreed to supply wildflower seed to Horsley residents for wild patches in our gardens to increase our local biodiversity and beauty. Contact Antony for more information - tonyetwell@me.com

Parish Council Websites - Following on from last month's minutes, these two websites need to be addressed/improved in the New Year and so that the information is better aligned across the two Parish Councils.

Heat Loss Survey Training - Chris has been trained and the surveys have started! As a reminder the best process agreed included: 1) Safeguarding for the surveyors. 2) Should be initially geared towards helping the less affluent. 3) Should be aimed at EPCs at D or less. 4) The results should form part of a wider information pack to include retrofitting advice and the costs involved available to all.

8. Date of next meeting:

Monday 11th March 9.15am Rubin Room West Horsley Village Hall

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