

West & East Horsley Parish Council - Climate Change Joint Task Group

Minutes of Meeting Monday 6th February 2023

- 1. Welcome:** Catherine Young (Chairman) welcomed Simon Hillard to the group, introducing the other attendees: Mel Beynon (MB) Fran King (FK) Antony Etwell (AE) Carol Wilson (CW) Tina Grace (TG) Pip Davies (PD) and Yendle Barwise (YB)
- 2. Apologies for Absence:** Steve Harvey, Alex Veys, Claire Brown, Sue Mills, Brain Austin, Christina Harris, and West Horsley Youth Council member
- 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Awaiting copy (AE)
- 4. & 5. Review of the Year & Project Updates:** Catherine went through the previous year's achievements, including the holding of 3 Community Events; Measuring your Carbon Footprint, Sustainability-What Can You Do? and Building a Carbon Neutral Home.

Refer **Appendix 1** for full list.

- **Trees & Hedgerow Planting:** 7 semi-mature trees planted on Nightingale Crescent. 138 whips and 30 feathers from SCC planted chiefly as part of the Village Orchard restoration project. 70m of replacement hedgerow planted at Horsley Meadows (SANG). Hedgerow mapping training undertaken with SWT. Yendle Barwise gave a quick resumé of similar work at West Horsley Place (WHP).
- **Litter Picks:** Linking to Big Green Clean week; developing into 4 across both villages. West Horsley Deputy Clerk has received confirmation that Network Rail will clear up their railway embankment along Footpath 99, The Street to East Horsley Village Hall.
- **Horsley Library:** Eco-hub being used; pill packets particularly popular, also being used for glasses and battery recycling; increasing footfall in the library. A selection of new books on climate change/carbon reduction have been donated by West Horsley Parish Council.
- **Water Fountains:** Water trough on A246 in working order; a refill point at WH Village Hall has been agreed; refill point at EH Village Hall going in.
- **Raising Community Awareness:** 3 events have taken place, 4th in process of being organised. Facebook and Instagram sites set up. Identity setup and promotional material produced. Features in both Parish Newsletters. Attendance at EH Farmers' Market had good reception. **Action: AE to liaise with Claire B re Facebook & Instagram.**
- **Projects in Hand:** HART Trail – green connectivity; Blue Heart Verges – working with SCC; Library Eco Hub – SCC interested in extending across county; Plastic Free Horsley – WHPC Youth Council possibly taking up; EV charging points: being looked at by SCC/GBC as part of countywide strategy; Event 4 – March 2023 coming soon. Zero Guildford involved.

6. This Year's Priorities:

- **Action Plan:** a priority to develop framework: **Catherine & Antony to work on this.**
- **Everyone to continue with their current projects.**
- **Greater engagement with the community.**

7. Event 4: Arrangements in hand.

8. AOB

- Biodiversity at West Horsley Place discussed
- Focus on Action Plan/ideas/priorities – canvass TG
- GBC Climate Change Action Plan about to be adopted