



Minutes of the Climate Change Working Group

Held on 22nd June 2022 at 6.30pm via Zoom

Present: Samantha Roberts, Sheryl Birtles, Councillor Stuart Bostock, Samantha Taylor, Madeleine Abbey, Iain Clarke, Mark Betteley, Sarah Standley-Johansen and Amy Thorpe

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Councillor Stephanie Wedgewood, Jeremy Herbert & John Garrett

2. MINUTES

Resolved: That the minutes of the Climate Working Group on 20th April be a correct record of the meeting.

3. NANTWICH CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Samantha R commented that there hadn't been much development on the plan, and Sarah asked for the link to the action plan to be recirculated.

Samantha R discussed the plans four themes commenting that she had circulated the themes asking for members to express their interests for certain themes. She also asked members how they see these themes/groups moving forward. Iain suggested that each theme hold a group meeting to discuss and develop a list of actions. Madeline suggested break-away rooms during the next meeting. Sarah suggested that each group may want to research before the next meeting what is already happening to avoid duplicating actions.

Members confirmed their themes of interest and Samantha R confirmed that she would email members with details of each theme group.

Resolved:

- a) To assign members to smaller working groups for each of the action plans themes
- b) To include a break-out session at the next working group meeting to allow for the theme groups to discuss actions.

4. SOCIETY SPECTACULAR

Samantha R confirmed that the Working group would have a stall alongside Sustainable Nantwich at Societies Spectacular on Saturday 2nd July. She commented that some merchandise including lightbulbs and wildflower seeds had been purchased for give-aways for the event. She moved on to show members literature that she had produced for the event and that had also been replicated online for those that wanted to be paperless.

Samantha R showed the working group the Survey Monkey Questionnaire she had also put together to be used at the event to gain information to help support the groups actions. She asked for members feedback and input on the questionnaire.

The group discussed the questionnaire and agreed on small changes to a number of questions to get the best out of the questionnaire.

Samantha R asked if it was something that could be shared with the business community through the Chamber, which Madeline agreed to investigate.

Iain asked if the group would be coming to Nantwich Show and advised that there would be a free stand available to them. Samantha R confirmed she would be there anyway with Nantwich Town Council, so could offer some support and Stuart and Sarah offered their assistance. Stuart also highlighted that Stephanie may be interested.

Resolved:

- a) Samantha R to update the questionnaire as agreed by the working group
- b) To proceed with the literature and stall at Societies Spectacular
- c) To have a stall at Nantwich Show

5. CONSULTATION EVENT

Samantha R commented that she had circulated the provision date of 19th September to the group and asked for their views. Samantha T advised that the following week was national Great Big Green Week and it would be good to tie the event in with that. Madeline also questioned if Monday evening was the right night. Samantha R told members that this was often the free night at the Civic, but agreed to go back and check alternative dates.

Samantha R told the group that she had spoke to Iain about speakers, Iain advised that he could contact someone who links the classroom to the farm, who would be an interesting speaker. It was also discussed about having someone talk about the Hydro Scheme. Mark commented that the event needs different speakers from different subject areas, but that it should also be made local.

Resolved: It was resolved that alternative dates would be recirculated to the group.

5. KEY THEMES

Samantha ran through the key themes contained within the draft action plan. The group discussed the headings, commenting that each could be broken down further. They also felt that each heading would need to be looked at individually identifying where we are at and where we should focus on in the future. It was also suggested that individuals take the lead on a specific areas.

Resolved:

The Working Group agreed that the key themes contained within the Action Plan would include:

1. Empower and engage community
2. Grow natural environment
3. Local Food Culture
4. Transform consumption and waste
5. Reduce energy demand and produce own clean energy
6. Change how we move around
7. Engaging with local sustainable business
8. Stronger, healthier, more resilient communities

6. BASELINE FIGURES

Samantha commented that she had used Cheshire East tools to obtain a very basic Carbon Footprint for the Town Council, but asked members for support on how to move forward with a more detailed version. It was discussed that obtaining a carbon footprint may have to be outsourced and that grants may be available. Sarah offered to speak to associates to advise on how the group should progress with obtaining a Carbon Footprint.

Resolved: Samantha to investigate Nantwich Town Council's Carbon Footprint

7. CONSULTATION

Samantha asked for the groups thoughts on consulting with residents commenting that the group could have a stall at market with questionnaires, literature, etc. Jeremy agreed with this idea suggesting it could be complimented by social media campaign. Sheryl suggested having stall as part of Societies Spectacular, an event on the Square at the beginning of July and is already promoted by the Town Council.

The group discussed organising a citizens panel and promoting this through the stall. Sarah highlighted that other panels had used town high street vouchers as incentives to attract residents to join the panel. Andy commented that he could request the attendance of an associate from a conservation farm to give a talk and Jeremy suggested someone may be able to offer domestic energy reviews.

Resolved:

- a) Samantha agreed to take the idea of town vouchers incentive to Council for approval for a budget.
- b) Samantha to research other citizens panels for ideas

8. **OTHER LOCAL PROJECTS**

Jeremy reported that on other local projects being carried out including; progression with Reaseheath and Sustainable Nantwich hydro projects which have funding to take their ideas to the planning stage, The Zero Carbon Club still needs setting up but when done so it will have a board and be inviting local businesses to join. Samantha Taylor is driving forward the Great Plastic Count and Nantwich Mug Projects trying to achieve a plastic free Nantwich and Jeremy is working on a voluntary domestic energy advisory service.

6. **NEXT MEETING**

Resolved: The next meeting of the Climate Change working group will take place at 6.30pm on 19th May.
