



**Minutes of the Climate Change Working Group**  
Held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 6.30pm, Nantwich Civic Hall

Present: Samantha Roberts, Sheryl Birtles, Councillor Stuart Bostock, Jeremy Herbert (Vice Chair), Samantha Taylor, Madeleine Abbey, Iain Clarke, Mark Betteley, and Amy Thorpe.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were apologies from Councillor Stephanie Wedgwood, Sarah Standley-Johansen, and John Garrett

**2. MINUTES**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Climate Working Group on 16<sup>th</sup> June be a correct record of the meeting.

**3. SOCIETIES SPECTACULAR**

Samantha R, thanked all those who volunteered at the event and commented on how successful it had been. She added there had been a steady flow of customers, with some questionnaires and pledges being completed.

Samantha also reported that in the same week she had attended Brine Leas School with Sheryl, but unfortunately this event hadn't been as successful, and no interest had been shown.

**4. SURVEY MONKEY QUESTIONNAIRE**

Samantha R commented that the questionnaire had been launched and to date there had been around 110 responses. Jeremy mentioned that we expected a higher completion of questionnaires and that he and colleagues were giving it a push across social media. He said he would also advertise it at the Food Festival.

**5. CONSULTATION EVENT**

Samantha R invited members to come forward with details on how the Climate Change Seminar should be delivered and asked members to confirm what speakers were lined up.

Jeremy confirmed that he had spoken to Kate Gilmartin from the Northwest Renewal Energy Hub, who had confirmed she would be in attendance talking about her experience of community energy and how it can benefit Nantwich. He had also confirmed another speaker, Kate, from Ashton-Heyes Council, the first carbon neutral parish in Britain.

Iain said he had been speaking to Ford Hall Farm and would confirm their attendance. He informed the group that they are the first community farm in the country.

The group went on to discuss the plan for the seminar. The group decided on a start time of 7pm and that the speakers would be first on the agenda. Attendees could then progress into break out groups to discuss different topics, get people talking and obtain actions for the Climate Change Action Plan.

The group discussed having topic boards which Samantha T suggested handing post-it notes to all attendees so they could write down ideas when inspired during the evening, to then add to the boards.

Samantha R suggested putting the seminar on Eventbrite so numbers could be managed. Members also came forward with ideas of where the event and with who the event could be promoted.

Samantha R asked members for their views on having several stalls from organisations/businesses to compliment the seminar.

The group also discussed promotion. Jeremy said he would be happy to include literature at the Food Festival and Samantha R agreed that the Town Council would produce posters, advertise it on their website and set up a Facebook event which the group could share. She also highlighted that she had several email addresses from the Climate questionnaire responses and so would invite these individuals. The group put forward other organisations that could be contacted about the event.

#### **Resolved:**

- a) The Climate Change Seminar will take place at Nantwich Civic Hall on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September from 7pm
- b) Samantha R will confirm the attendance of the 3 guest speakers
- c) Nantwich Town Council will approach local organisations to join the event with a stall
- d) Samantha R to set up the seminar on Eventbrite and to share the link with the group
- e) Sheryl to produce literature for Food Festival and promotion of the seminar
- f) Nantwich Town Council to send out invitations
- g) Climate Change Working Group to promote the event through their contacts
- h) Members to invite organisations to hold stalls

#### **6. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN THEMES**

Samantha R reported that Samantha T, Amy and Madeleine had started work on their theme and had shared their progress to date.

Jeremy commented that he had met with Sarah to discuss their theme and they had concluded that their actions would interlink with the other themes and would be about communicating the themes. Jeremy advised that he would circulate the notes from this meeting around the group.

Samantha R commented that Jeremy had sent through a Vision for Nantwich in 2030 which was very futuristic but gave us something to aspire to and that could help contribute towards some actions for the Climate Change Plan.

The group also discussed using icons on the action plan would be a good idea to make it clearer to residents to understand.

7. **NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved:** The next meeting of the Climate Change working group will take place at 6.30pm on 19<sup>th</sup> September.

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