

Notes from Calne Against Climate Change (CACC) meeting 05 Nov. 2019

Taken by John Boaler

John Boaler took the chair for this meeting.

Agenda:

1. There was a short discussion about us adopting a more formal structure for our group and our relationship with the Calne Council Climate Change Steering Group (CCCC SG) Members were in favour of this – though we might rotate the chairing of meetings. Stan has prepared a model 'constitution'. **Action:** *to circulate members with this model constitution for a discussion at our next meeting.*
2. Stan updated the meeting on the joint Calne Fairtrade and CACC display at Calne Library. The resources are ready and it is hoped it can be mounted within the next week. **Action:** *To inform members once the display has been mounted.*
3. Russ, Katherine and Katya reported on plans for a future CACC event. They are proposing a film showing (film to be decided) at Kingsbury Green School followed by a film showing for the community the same evening. Russ has contacted KGS and is hoping to arrange this event for early 2020. **Actions:** *1. Russ to firm up date with KGS 2. Stan to pass to Russ a list of films 3. Katya and Katherine to work on publicity materials for the event. They would like to set up an Instagram for our group.* Russ also reported that KGS have decided to donate 50% of money collected through a mufti day to 'Just 1 Tree' charity. Patti Kelly from the school would like to join our group.
4. Jenny reported back from CCCC SG inc these initiatives: 'Branches' a tree planting scheme headed by Tamzyn; the idea of a community orchard; planting wild flowers. **Action:** Jenny to contact Bristol-based 'Avon Needs Trees' which has acquired some land in Ratford, Calne, for tree planting, with a view to promoting this to local residents, either for donations, or as a local source for off-setting carbon used in flying.
5. There was some discussion of the scheme adopted by Zero Chippenham's for solar panels on schools and public buildings. Tom has approached a Calne-based company (WEC?)
6. The meeting agreed to print c200 copies of the A5 8 page brochure put together by Stan, for use on street stalls and for copies to be available at the library. The meeting also agreed to print, with a few amendments to the draft wording, 1000 A5 leaflets '11 ways we can reduce our Carbon Footprint'. These to be used to hand out from street stall, to have at events, to display around the town. **Actions:***1. Stan to finalise wording of A5 leaflet and arrange for printing, prob. at Corsham Print; 2. John to see Mark Edwards at the Town Council about having a Climate Change page on the Council website, and including these 2 documents; and also displaying the '11 Ways etc' on the town noticeboards and publishing it in the next edition of 'Calne Connection.'*

AOB:

Tom informed the meeting that Wootton Bassett Climate Change group are hoping to organise an Election Hustings on the topic of the Climate Emergency. He copied them a letter from James Gray MP (rec'd by Margaret) confirming his long-standing concerns about global warming and the environment.

Stan encouraged us all to calculate our own carbon footprint via [carbonfootprint.com](https://www.carbonfootprint.com)

Margaret recommended 'Renaissance Community Limited' to CCCC SG. This company can calculate a Town's carbon footprint. Jonathan Maguire at Renaissance might be willing to talk to the Steering Group about the practical steps Calne needs to take to reduce its carbon footprint. **Action:** John Bennett to pass this info on to CCCC SG.

Next meeting: Tuesday 3 December, 7.30 at Calne Baptist Church