



**Minutes of the Aylsham Climate Action Co-ordination Meeting
held on Monday 5th December 2022**

Present:

Anna Magyar – Waste	Ray Horne – Plastics
Sue Sharpe – Communications	Liz McGowan – Sustainable Food
Erica Fisher – Biodiversity/Nature	William Fisher – Biodiversity/Nature
Grizelda Tyler – Energy	Jenny Haycocks – Outreach (Chair)
Sue Catchpole – Transport	Lou Harlow

Sue Lake Town Clerk

Jenny Haycocks was appointed chair of the meeting

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received from

Trevor Bennett
Michael Dolling
Shelley Hudson

2. Declarations of interest

None were declared

3. Minutes

This was the first meeting of the co-ordination group and will have separate minutes from the full group. Going forward the meetings will be held on alternative months.

4. Information on Matters Arising from previous minutes

Not applicable

5. Work Programme

The representatives of the various groups spoke about their current projects:

Waste – looking at promoting existing recycling via the Quakers refill stall at the Farmers Market. On this stall they promote ACE and also bring out the recycling bins from the Parish Church. They would like to create some form of interactive map with the recycling details available – this maybe possible through the website. The eco group within the church will be asked to clarify the labels on the recycling units. They are still talking to the pharmacy regarding taking in blister packs. Would like more information on the website.

Projects – interactive map, more information on recycling on website

Transport – still part of the Aylsham Traffic Group whilst the strategy is being prepared. Consultation on the strategy has taken place and the feedback will be discussed at the next meeting prior to adoption by the Town Council. The final proposals will be disseminated to the public via Just Aylsham and the Town Council website.

They have been approached regarding cycle repair and reuse and have spoken with the cycle shop on Red Lion Street. They will also look at the possibility of working with the Community Transport Association to develop a community bus around the town

Projects – cycle repair, community transport

Plastics – the group meets monthly and is mainly part of Rotary which established the group and the programme before ACE was created. They have implemented an award scheme with the uniformed groups and will start working with the school after Christmas. Following that they will approach Churches Together and businesses through the town. This would need some form of questionnaire. This is a common request from the groups and should be co-ordinated by the Communications team. Some members were not happy about just sending out a questionnaire but would like to talk businesses through it.

They have used Green Day as a springboard for more activities

Projects – a questionnaire for businesses, different forms of recycling for plastics that are currently not recycled

Communications – looking at creating a survey combining all of the information required by the various sub-groups. Regular articles in Just Aylsham. Would also like a schedule of the Town Council activities and how the council is hoping to get to net zero. The clerk advised she has started on this and would hopefully have it for a future meeting.

Projects – a questionnaire for businesses, regular Just Aylsham articles

Sustainable Food – this is a new group represented by Liz McGowan who have been meeting for several months. They have successfully applied for funding together with Eves Hill Organics. Eves Hill are currently offering gardening courses. The group have prepared a leaflet and are looking to do an Aylsham Food Map to show those in need where food can be obtained. This will also include the various food apps available. They are looking at involving the community in the provision of food.

Projects – an Aylsham Food Map

Energy – the energy group have purchased the Thermal Imaging Camera and have two operators. They have requests from 12 homes so far wanting the imaging done. Part of the project includes links to grants for insulation etc. All who have the

imaging done will be asked to complete a feedback form. An article will be placed in Just Aylsham.

The Town Clerk asked if the Town Hall could be imaged. The results could be part of a detailed article on this and the rest of the ACE work to be written up for the EDP. This will be a joint venture between the energy group, communications group and Town Council.

Projects – continue with Thermal Imaging and article re Town Hall results

Nature/Biodiversity – this group were unhappy that they were being referred to as nature as they felt that watered down what they were doing. They have no projects yet but are pushing for planting trees and adopting hedgerows. This takes a while as ownership of hedgerows takes time and research to establish. At some point they will contact the Town Council regarding the grass verges. They also wish to see less grass cutting at the Recreation Ground so will contact the Rec Committee regarding this.

Sue Catchpole advised that she has a walnut tree in her garden and is often pulling out and disposing of mini walnut trees. It was suggested that the group could work on some form of swap shop for such items possibly linked to the Farmers Market

Projects – none as yet

Outreach – only one person had requested more information regarding this but no response had been received from them.

Projects – none as yet

6. To agree Priorities

Not discussed – it was felt this had to be taken back to the groups

7. Future Meetings

The meetings would alternate between the full group and this co-ordinating group.

8. Items for future discussion

Not discussed

11. Date of Next Meeting

To be confirmed

The meeting closed at 9.00pm