



**Minutes of the Aylsham Climate Action Meeting
held on Monday 3RD October 2022**

Present:

Trevor Bennett	Kate Mackenzie
Lesley Cannon	Anna Magyar
Sue Catchpole	Jenna Owen
Mary Evans	Patrick Prekopp
Lillie Ferrari	Arthur Rope
Shelley Hudson	Grizelda Tyler

Sue Lake Town Clerk

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Apologies were received from

Michael Dolling	Jenny Haycocks
Erica Fisher	Ian Hildrew
William Fisher	Sally Hildrew
Michael Goodwin	Ray Horne
Veronica Goodwin	Wendy Sadler
Clare Green	Fiona Scott
Stephen Green	Sue Sharpe

2. Declarations of interest

None were declared

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th October required some typing errors corrected but apart from that were accepted and will be signed by the chairman

4. Information on Matters Arising from previous minutes

Nothing raised

5. Green Day

a) To receive group reports on Green Day Activities

Energy – Stall manned by Arthur and Mary the camera was a big draw and led to a queue. Whilst in the queue people were reading and picking up leaflets. Ten bookings and one volunteer came forward. The camera has thrown a fault and that will be sent back to the manufacturer. Consideration of having the stall at the Christmas Craft Fair. An article will be placed in Just Aylsham.

Transport – the group was joined by the school with their electric car and also representatives of cycling UK. They had drafts from the traffic group strategy regarding proposed changes to the Market Place = which were well received. A survey had been prepared and to date over 30 responses had been made. Once analysed the results can be fed back to the Traffic Group.

Waste – listed recycling areas locally to inform people. Also worked with Broadland regarding what goes into the various bins.

Nature – constant trickle of visitors with a good level of interest in all the areas covered. Composting was a big draw and there was information on wasps, plants and trees for small gardens and what attracts wildlife.

Plastics – thought it was a most worthwhile community activity need to discuss and agree the next stages.

Communications – Lots of publicity before and during the event. Sent information via a press release to numerous papers, interview on Radio Norfolk the day before. Details on social media.

b) To discuss positive aspects of the day

- There was a good, but not excellent turnout for the day
- Variety of activities
- Good children's activity in the Market Place
- Building links and alliances with other groups
- Good first effort
- Weather was good!

c) To discuss negative aspects of the day

- Attendance could have been higher
- The Samba Band was not a band but just drums which some found very annoying
- The Red Rebels proved divisive and tended to kill the mood
- Communication may not have got to a wider audience
- Some groups may have been off-putting to the general public
- Not having music is an issue
- No speaker system outside the venue
- Lack of help of the facilities team due to poor communication

d) To consider holding future events

It was felt the event was worthwhile and should certainly be considered to become an annual event

e) Future dates

Discussion over day of the week and acknowledgement that no day will be suitable for all and possibly Sunday is the best.

Not really possible to start later as it is very difficult to keep the Market Place clear of parked cars.

Probably September is the best time of year

To be discussed at the next meeting when more people may be in attendance.

6. Steering Group

A long discussion on how this would work and how it would fit in with the sub-groups and the main ACE group. Felt there was a danger of being too many meetings – could lead to three per month which is unrealistic for most.

It was thought that maybe quarterly would be sufficient. The first task would be to set up Aims and Objectives and Terms of Reference so everyone knew how it would work.

It was **AGREED** to hold the first meeting in January 2023.

7. Climate Change Groups

Mary Evans has stepped down as chair of the energy group and Grizelda Tyler has taken her place.

Groups have been primarily focused on Green Day.

Groups are asked to send a written report for distribution with the agenda no later than one week before the meeting i.e. 31st October

8 Items for future discussion

To help inform the discussion at the Steering Group the next meeting will have a brain storming session of possible projects/ideas/actions etc. for the group to take forward over the coming months.

It was requested whether the Town Council could put together a spreadsheet or similar in how they are going in achieving net zero by 2030.

9. Date of Next Meeting

To confirm the date of the next Meeting as Monday September 7th November 2022

The meeting closed at 8.50pm