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Minutes of the Aylsham Climate Action Meeting held on Monday 4th April 2022

Present:

Trevor Bennett	Ray Horne
Sue Catchpole	Shelley Hudson
Cathie Corbin	Carole Lee
Anna Dolling	Neville Lee
Mary Evans	Anna Magyar
Lilie Ferrari	Richard Moore
Erica Fisher	Arthur Rope
William Fisher	Sue Sharpe
Margaret Hayward	Grizelda Tyler
Ian Hildrew	
Sally Hildrew	

Sue Lake Town Clerk

1. **Welcome and apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from

Ellie Baker	Kate Mackenzie
Lesley Bennett	Liz McGowan
Rev Canon Julie Boyd	Phillippa Neale
Michael Dolling	Pat Prekopp
Chris Corby	Sheila Preston
Linda Corby	Wendy Sadler
Veronika Goodwin	Fiona Scott
Jenny Haycocks	

2. **Declarations of interest**

None were declared

3. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th March were agreed and signed by the chairman

4. **Information on Matters Arising from previous minutes**

Nothing raised

5. **To receive a presentation on plastics**

Ray Horne had been working with Rotary on a project regarding waste plastics. This has come about as a result of the findings from litter picks the Rotary organised where it was

discovered that the vast majority of the litter was plastic based. The project needs to be long-term and engage with all groups – schools, retailers, residents – to be effective. Ray was thanked for his presentation which can be seen on the Town Council website.

Following on from the presentation the Town Clerk showed some information from a Christmas Lights retailer that makes light fittings from a biodegradable material made from sugar cane. They also manufacture decorations from recycled plastic bottles. It was **AGREED** to recommend that the Christmas Lights Committee ensure that all future decorations be made from materials such as these.

6. Climate Change Groups

a) To receive group information

The groups have now all established themselves and had met.

b) To receive a report from each group

The sub-groups had all met and gave verbal reports.

Transport

The group met and thought the primary objective would be to look at funding to bring forward projects. Much of the work will overlap with the Traffic Group and will work with them. A baseline report has been prepared by the consultants engaged by the Town Council and the draft strategy will follow shortly.

A Norfolk Transport Plan is currently being consulted on and this is open until early May. The clerk gave an update on the car park situation and installation of EVCP (Electric Vehicle Charging Points) which may get installed by Broadland later in the year.

Biodiversity

It was queried what the boundaries of this group were. After discussion it was agreed that initially it could only be the civil parish of Aylsham but hopefully will expand in time.

The group are looking at ways to promote peat free composting and looking at increasing composting.

Energy

The energy group have held two meetings and agreed terms of reference for the group and are looking at the impact of the current energy crisis, They will look at what government grants are available and how the people of Aylsham can access them. They will look at obtaining a thermal imaging camera so people can see what the energy loss in their homes or businesses are.

Waste

The group have looked at the hierarchy of waste and that recycling is not the only answer but replacing and reusing must come first. They are looking at different ways of communicating this message.

It is hoped to have a presentation from the Broadland waster team at a future meeting

Communications

The group have met and have renamed themselves contact and connect. Rough terms of reference have been drawn up. They were going to contact local parishes but felt it was too early. They do have contacts for all schools in the town.

The groups were thanked for their reports but members felt written reports would be better.

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

C) To consider a name and logo ideas

The Communications group had discussed this and talked with a designer and came up with the name ACE (Aylsham Climate Emergency) with an ace symbol which can be likened to a tree – see below.

The group liked this suggestion and were keen to pursue it with some concern over colours.



7. Climate Change and the Town Council Activities

a) To receive information on wild flowers

The clerk presented some information on creating wild flower areas in the grass beds managed by the Town Council. This concept was also suggested to the developer of the Norwich Road site. The clerk will look into this further

b) GNLP and planning

The developer of the Norwich Road site held a consultation meeting on March 31st. The Town Council were also present and handed out questionnaires to attendees to ascertain the residents thoughts on the developments.

It has since come to light that Natural England have instructed various local councils including Broadland that no new permissions should be approved until the issue of nutrient neutrality has been fully investigated. It is not clear how long this will take or what will happen with the GNLP.

C) To consider a Green Day

Broadland are unable to assist with this so will need to be planned by the group

8. Items for future discussion

- Sustainability of Council buildings
- Green Day Event

9. Date of Next Meeting

To confirm the date of the next Meeting as Monday May 9th 2022

The meeting closed at 9.20pm