

Pentewan Valley Parish Council
Climate, Ecology and Environment Working Advisory Committee

Meeting of Climate Action Working Group, held by Zoom at 7.00pm

Date: Monday 14th November 2022

Present:

George Muskett
Stephen Street
John Sundercombe
Anthony Hereward
Miranda Smith

Agenda

Apologies for absence

Francis Browne
Vicky Cartwright
Toni Dowrick

1. Trees- MS Unfortunately no interest from the campsites. Everyone keep thinking. SS: Woodland Trust are researching seasonality as it is effecting the flowering of plants . Can upload pictures to their website of unseasonal flowering. SS will forward weblink. Some discussion on extent of Cornwall tree planting under the Forest of Cornwall. Nationally, we are nowhere near any targets that were set. MS is arranging meeting with Graham Brown who has been away and will discuss trees. Francis Browne had forwarded GM a Forest for Cornwall initiative “Free trees for the Back Garden Forest “ trees will be given out on 3rd December at Priory Car Park. St Austell and Willow Car Park, Mevagissey.
2. Menagwins – Road – Cllr M Bunney is awaiting response from Cornwall Council. When can we ask again for more car park as it continues to be well used. GM will check. Re: signs for car park fence - SWW were to write to a local school in October and GM waiting on progress.
3. White River Project – on-line meeting held on 9th November. Intention is to encourage wider participation. Trying for someone higher up the SWW management as well as Imerys. Jeremy Roberts working with Toni Dowrick to draw up list of interested businesses. West Country Rivers Trust also to be involved as they did a report in 2015 which GM will circulate. Cornwall AONB. Surfers Against Sewage. Project Scope Document is going to be produced for next meeting as well as another meeting in person with SWW. CC to produce a map of river owners . Next meeting 14th Dec. Should there be more on social media. Discussion as to how PVPC could engage with social media: Twitter and Facebook. GM will ask the Parish clerk.
4. Climate Action Plan Review – GM has circulated. Reference was made to the review of the Parish Plan which led to discussion on hedgehogs and putting up ‘ghost hedgehog’ signs one for each dead hedgehog. Good hedgehog community at top of Mevagissey. GM mentioned other successes. JS concerned that still nothing usefully done on dangers of Tregorrick Road. At very least should be 20 mph. SS/ GM

confirmed this has been put forward but a time scale is not yet available. This was part of the original request for calming traffic and it is disappointing that it has not come forward sooner. The progress of the Walking and Cycling initiative was raised as nothing further had been heard since the consultation. Concern was expressed as to whether this was due to financial constraints. SS and GM will ask PC to request an update. With regard to the review; GM will circulate a draft for discussion on what has been achieved and any suggestions for change.

5. Neighbourhood Development Plan – SS - meeting held last week and CC have agreed to taking the plan forward. Consultant has been identified as well as a funding source and this will be taken to Wednesday's parish council. It can be a long process. Leaders of sub-groups to be identified. SS is pushing this all forward. Please pass ideas to SS. SS will email the group and all those who have expressed an interest, after the parish meeting.
6. Pentewan weigh-bridge. It was still a project that we wished to progress if the weigh-bridge issue could be overcome. GM had suggested that it may be possible to use CIL funding to carry out the assessment of the weighbridge. MS is considering another route for a path behind the weigh-bridge which should circumvent all the problems with the current weigh-bridge. This could be an interim measure. MS will speak with Graham this week and probably a site visit. MS will email outcome.
7. Any other business - there was none
8. Date of next meeting: Monday 5th December 2022, 7.15pm, at Tarzell, wine and beer included!