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Burgess Hill Town Council

Climate Emergency Working Group

24.9.19 at 6pm (Anne Eves house)

Present:

Cllr. Anne Eves
Cllr. Robert Duggan
Cllr. Janice Henwood
Cllr. Matthew Cornish - Chair
Steve Cridland
Sarah Hughes

Name of the group: Climate Emergency Working Group (reporting to Strategic Development KAG)

Context: At our first meeting we reviewed the BHTC Environmental Charter from 2007 (Updated in 2009) and made the following points against each current point. (See Separate Charter)

1. BHTC Already have an LPG van but there are no flat-bed fully electric vehicles that are suitable for our requirements at present
 - Social media - posting messages about our sustainability already and to do so wherever possible
 - Carbon Cafe is in place in the help point regularly for advice to residents
 - Energy advice training is already in place for staff
 - ACTION: Sarah to email achievement list to Cllr. Matthew Cornish
 - 'About Town' publications includes sustainable transport promoted by BHTC
 - Air quality (Contact District Council to get report on bottle necks for traffic) at Junction Road/Keymer Hoadleys Corner and roundabout at folders lane with keymer road and bottom of junction road, Wivelsfield station
 - ACTION: MC to request Burgess Hill Air Quality report and CC everyone in to the request - asking how often would we get a report on the air quality so that we can review it
2. Air conditioning in the council to be turned down when not needed. Could we open the windows for council meetings and encourage others to do so with a sign by the controls when appropriate noise levels outside permitted?
 - Who is our provider for electricity and should we switch? (Sarah to ACTION)
 - Check can we have solar panels at the council (Steve to ACTION)
 - Salix offer a finance fund energy efficiency program in local authority but are loans, so group rejected this idea
 - Promote sustainable transport to members by surveying how we all get to meetings or events and add a comment when signing in to meetings to know method of transport (ACTION: Sarah can transport method be added to sign in sheet)
 - Investigate how we measure the carbon footprint of the council and its operations (ACTION: ALL)
3. Buy local, and ensure subcontractors are asked their environmental credentials (ACTION: Council Staff)
4. Stamps are already recycled at Help Point
Can we promote our BHTC recycling credentials more online (ACTION: Town Council Officers)
5. Council are looking at not using glyphosphates with other products like hot water when existing supplies are used up. District not using vinegar anymore - because lack of knowledge of data
Council to investigate other options

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6. BHTC don't do much planting apart from hanging baskets - nursery we use to confirm non-peat based products. Compostable products go to burial ground.

7. Graffiti good response to offensive words - end of same day as reported

- Recycling bins to be reviewed to make more obvious in the town centre
- Dog bins to be made accessible by circo
- Some dog bins managed by BHTC
- Litter picks already in action (Spring Clean)
- What recycling and bins will be provided by developers in housing and retail going forwards?
- Recycle bins on church walk are very old and need to be reviewed in time

8. Not much to change here

- Management plans done in 2010 Bachelors Farm and West Park reserve so we will see if these can be reviewed to be sent to MC. Existing one to be audited.

9. Space and Connectivity program incl. Fairfield Rec.

Cycle racks at the football club - (ACTION: Steve Cridland)

Covered bike racks in town - requested by Matthew)

10. Annual report on Environmental Impact against our charter to be produced by BHTC going forwards

Initiatives considered:

Robert: Award scheme for retailers or services in the town on green credentials?

Pension Scheme - local government investigating pension pot and where funds are invested.

Wider - District concerns

Anne - look at further things town council can do