

Lyme Regis One Planet Working Group

Minutes

Introductions of all present:

Belinda Bawden
Jake Causley
Jo Smith Oliver
John Wright
Judy Haines
Leon Howe
Michael Haines
Peter Coe
Simon West
Sue Atkinson
Tracey West
Vicki Dixon

1. Constitution

[The constitution](#) was amended, agreed and adopted by all those present.

Membership was agreed for anyone to join with financial contributions being optional.

Approval was sought to open a bank account; passed unanimously.

2. Assigning roles

Chair: Simon West

Vice chair: Belinda Bawden

Treasurer: Leon Howe

Secretary: Belinda Bawden

3. Information sharing

We agreed to use GSuite document sharing within the group to ensure everyone has access to all the documents, spreadsheets and images to be used by the group. [A folder](#) has already been created for the exclusive use of the group. It contains a [public sub-folder](#) which is viewable by anyone with the link.

Sharing email addresses was agreed and telephone numbers would be kept private for emergency use.

Tablets/laptops would be useful for meetings.

Documents would be stored only on Google docs for GDPR purposes.

4. Define scope

It was agreed that Vicki Dixon would work on a document to describe the scope of work for the group.

Belinda had made contacts with various community organisations and these relationships and one the town council were discussed. Belinda said Justin Loveland, Head of Geography at the Woodroffe School, said his Environment Group would be keen to get involved and carry on working with Jake Causey once they were back in September.

John Wright anticipated working with Daryl Turner as our Dorset County councillor - he is closely involved in DC climate and environmental work. Lyme Town Council should prepare for legislation and be ahead of it.

Mike Haines asked whether we might engage with corporates e.g. gas companies adapting to the climate emergency. It was felt once we achieved success, it was likely other groups and organisations would join.

Vicki Dixon noted multi-layered levels of action and engagement from individual to global levels.

Tracey West expected the OPWG to be a conduit between the town council and the community, involving individuals, the third sector and organisations. Peter Coe agreed groups could feel isolated.

John Wright suggested a drive to pull the environmental groups together - Turn Lyme Green (TLG) has been very actively working with the Dorset Waste Partnership and Plastic Free Lyme (PFL) engages with the traders in town.

Mike asked how we would measure Lyme's CO2 footprint. Simon referred to a professional who could advise us.

John outlined the town council approach which was to show concern and be ready for the anticipated regulatory enforcement. There were practical things the council could do now:

1. Migrate the fleet of vehicles gradually to be electric
2. Put water refill points in along the seafront
3. Prepare a timetable of initiatives like boosting the town bus service and making it free for residents using the Gateway Card and extending it to Uplyme and Charmouth.
4. Look at utility suppliers.
5. Change to ethical investments.
6. Consider the whole infrastructure of electrical charging points - the OPWG could research this.
7. Examine opportunities to offset through a contribution from parking income.
8. Consider product and material choice for office refurbishment - Passivhaus design.
9. Move to electronic office eg. i-pads at meetings.
10. Think more sustainability while refurbishing Langmoor and Lister Gardens.

11. Use publicity more effectively e.g. the 10 foot high beach sculptures to raise the profile of the litter problem; improve LRTC visibility on waste management and beach cleans.
12. Waste management and environmental factors are included in event planning.

5. Sustainable Development Goals

All members agreed that the group will use the United Nations 17 sustainable development goals partnership tool to measure where we are and how successful we are in improving Lyme Regis. These cover far more areas than a zero carbon target.

6. Links to other groups

All members agreed to help forge links between OPWG and other, existing groups in Lyme Regis and the surrounding area.

Belinda Bawden is working on a comprehensive list of groups which will be made available to members to edit.

7. Any other business

The third Thursday of each month was agreed as the best time for meetings. The next meetings would be:

15th August

19th September

Meeting started: 19:00

Meeting ended: 20:30