

Lyme Regis One Planet Working Group

Minutes of the meeting on 17th October 2019

Members present:

Rikey Austin
Belinda Bawden
Ceci Bawden
Jake Causley
Paddy Howe
Simon West
Tracey West

Apologies:

Sue Atkinson
Peter Coe
Leon Howe

1. Previous meeting minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2019 were approved.

2. SDG 15

It was agreed that rather than discuss SDGs in detail in meetings as they were all on the OPWG Google Docs page, we should use meeting time to agree projects we could register with specific UN SDG targets, so we could report progress to the Town Council by the December meeting.

Belinda suggested Turn Lyme Green's 'Boomerang Bags' scheme, which is being launched next week Thursday 24th November, would be an ideal project to register.

Simon noted the Town Council had discussed electric car charging points at the Town Management & Highways Committee meeting the previous evening. He and Rob Green were providing experienced advice and a lower charge cheaper option at Woodmead Halls was proposed. Simon calculated that Lyme would only need 6 charging points to rank as the best in the UK. (Source: [This is Money 2019-10-15](#), Westminster has 1.47 charging points per 1,000 population)

3. Lyme Regis Town Council climate and environmental action plan - draft

Belinda explained that she and Rob Smith had submitted their 'Environmental Wish-lists' as part of the LRTC's budget-setting process for the five year term but members had twice deferred decision-making as the list might have appeared too daunting. Belinda

and Rob were currently reshaping the 'wish-list' into a package split into categories which Belinda hopes she could introduce with a Powerpoint presentation. She hoped it would be accepted and that council members would appreciate the strong position local councils have not only to drive the climate action locally but also to lobby and influence upwards to Dorset Council and national government.

4. Progress report

Social media and website

The Facebook page needed more activity, posting and sharing by members, perhaps looking at different Sustainable Development Goals.

Financial update

Simon reported £1 was in the bank account and £21 in the tin. Belinda confirmed two donations of £75 each were made by Jeff Scowen and Graham Turner on the occasion other town councillors refused to grant the OPWG the £250 requested but instead agreed £150 if matched funds were raised. A further £150 anonymous donation had been pledged.

5. Extinction Rebellion

Tracey and Rikey talked about their experiences during the Extinction Rebellion (XR) activity in London, when the police activity had increased and a blanket ban on all media imposed. Section 14 of the Public Order Act was being used to ban XR from any borough in London.

The Guardian had declared a climate emergency and the meeting agreed that Simon & Tracey would ask Francesca if she would do the same for Lyme Online and also ask the Bridport News.

6. Ideas & suggestions

Mike introduced his Solar Potential initiative, proposing a mapping exercise, potentially to be carried out by students at the Woodroffe School, to identify the potential in Lyme for roofs to have solar panels. Further investigation on the type of solar panel or tile would also be needed.

Once the initial assessment had been identified, we could engage contractors and roofing companies to see how they could help with the costs. Suppliers of back-up storage and grid reinforcements would need to be involved, as well as Housing Associations and holiday lettings companies.

Mike added that energy certificates for houses should be developed with surveyors to enable better ratings (B is currently the top).

Residents and businesses could also be engaged.

The Environmental Action Group, which meets fortnightly at Woodroffe, was thought to be a possible collaboration.

Ceci said she'd ask whether Bournemouth University might get involved, mentioning several possible groups:

- local activism
- volunteering hub
- reducatarian
- climate action.

Mike agreed to send Ceci an email with the project details.

Jake thought Woodroffe should get involved.

7. Any Other Business

Acting on behalf of OPWG

Simon proposed if anyone acts on behalf of the OPWG, they follow the guidance on Google docs. If anything is sent, it should go on Google docs and a copy should go in the archive folder. Nothing should be committed to without agreement from the group.

UN Sustainable Development Goals

SDGs relating directly to groups and projects already operating in Lyme were discussed. A campaign to end compulsory zero-hour contracts and support better, more ethical employment practices was suggested, leading to a directory or listing of ethical employers.

Seaton Town Council - 'Working Together for a Sustainable Future' meeting

Jake reported that he and Grenville had attended the event the previous evening. 50 residents took part in a Citizen's Assembly-style meeting, when invited experts and 5 council officers gave talks, then different topics were discussed on each five tables.

Belinda said a Citizen's Assembly/People's Panel was on the climate and environmental list for the Lyme Council to consider.

Tracey ended the meeting by reading the latest reflection from XR.

Meeting started: 19:00

Meeting ended at 21:15