

Gamlingay CAG- second Meeting Thursday 20th January 2022 via Zoom-7.45pm- 81709717140

Chair : K Warburton (PC), other residents present Sheryl Cousins, Guy Kiddy, Peter Condon, Jean York, Larry New (PC), Jenny Shelton, Nicola Jenkins, Kirstin Rayner (Clerk-minutes), Sarah Howe (delayed)

Apologies: Emma Leaf Grimshaw, Kevin Middleton, Rev Hilary Young

KW advised that he and JS to deliver a report following the last meeting. Actions from last meeting(minutes)

PC- **Village Show** keen to pursue electric cars idea along with classic cars. Also keen to provide space for green issues-however regular attenders space may be an issue. Stalls- outside or inside a marquee-suggestions welcome. LN-Eco Hub new marketing vision-Vicky Jackson-marketing will be setting up a Eco fair-struggling how to pitch it. Other eco initiatives -work together PC+Vicky on theme for day. Sarah joined the meeting. KW liked the idea of space dedicated for eco exhibits-how green are you label-date of show 17th September 2022.

Branding- Catherine Travers- thoughts about branding the CAG and in the Gazette. Climate 'one small step' gazette, other media- easy list of things you can do i.e. turn heating down a degree, wear more layers, eat meat once less per week, fill kettle up less, re-useable coffee cups and water bottles, soap free shower, peat free compost, one item flagged on a regular basis-branded design 'post it' brand to be used at the show. NJ- little things reminders a good idea- not to preach too much.

PC-**Idea 10 or 21 things**- Sarah suggested 22 things for 2022 (2 per edition- more in Nov/Dec edition). Jenny messaging-bite size regular appearance of something we can all do-small changes breaking it down in every issue of the gazette. Also other forms of messaging good- film clips.

JS- **Food sustainability workshop organised by SCDC's Zero Carbon Communities programme** - <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/climate-emergency-and-nature/zero-carbon-communities/zero-carbon-communities-events/> discussion went to break out rooms -what each area had been doing- exchanging ideas and information- main areas schools and allotments. Heidi PECT -school resources freely available in relation to sustainable eating and growing and encouraging kids to do this. Kids a good way of influencing parents-good website-community groups swapping vegetables-cakes for courgettes, open days at allotments-community garden swap- Potton do this. Food bank-Baptists and St Marys-community fridge idea -how they went about doing it. Eat locally /seasonally -do a lot through what you consume-30% emissions from food- beef and lamb worst offenders. However GK advised all pasture land would be made over to crops if people stop eating animals- loss of biodiversity of field, grassland and hedgerow species. Larry- has 2 allotments- hard work- -allotment owners can help-opportunity to get more into vegetable gardening-come and help day. GAGA- expand horizons . **Bartering culture in France**- LN- wine, joints of meat, fruit and veg all swapped. Works well. **GAGA has new website** where people can ask questions-see what is happening. Website a good way of communication with audience-JS other ways too -go where people are re facebook posting on Gamlingay groups. Also developing a **U Tube channel /share links** that use facebook. Also use traditional media such as the Gazette. Perhaps a permanent information board at the Eco Hub?. **Yard Sale- Potton** -exchange stuff you no longer want-trestle table outside their home-reuse/recycle-Sheryl, sometimes Potton advertise on our pages. Town wide-map and number it all. LN Eco Hub approached -make small electrical appliance collection point-hair dryers/toothbrushes-concern larger waste will be dumped. LN- Trustees have concerns. **Bulky Waste day**- also a further initiative run by SCDC/Parish Council (annual). Repair café- KW currently come to

nothing Sheryl one in Bedford-link in chat- see what they are doing. One in Royston 4th Feb 2-4pm. (NJ). <https://www.facebook.com/roystonrepaircafe/>

Zero carbon communities -guidance on there-KW to dig this out.

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Experts can ask to come along-local people -experts and specialists come along too. Risk Assessment/insurance has to be considered.

NJ- visits to places-GEAG previously went to Waterbeach recycling, botanic gardens -climate change leaflet. KW- 12 people in group- need to generate enough interest. Posting on existing pages as the CAG. **Increase profile/share ideas/events onto pages. JS- keen on short enthusiastic videos-** good stuff examples on videos- a tremendous resource.

Ideas for videos:-

-Walk up to wind Turbine

-Visit to eco Hub plant room

-Visit to allotments through the seasons

-No dig gardening- examples how and success- Larry (raised beds) and Peter and lady at allotment practicing this.

-Farming practices- planting into stubble-GK

PC- before and after NO dig experiment half of plot for each. Gwyn Charles Dowding- lots of videos/courses on line -useful reference point. Reduces carbon release by not disturbing soil.

-Gardening Club- possibly a short video/ideas to cover .**Gamlingay and District Gardening Club talk on 'Grow your own vegetables', 7.30 pm, 1 February at the Eco Hub**

-Tiny Forest- Emma rolling out community initiative and involving residents in planting programme 22/23

-Sheryl- Gam Gym and MUGA-re-opening at Primary- publicising that local facility without getting in your car.

NJ- Hatley declared climate emergency would like to join in with Gamlingay- **delivered a** newsletter- already do foodbank collections and bring to Gamlingay.

Larry- sound bites- are good

KR-IMPACT model of measuring individual carbon footprint suggested at recent training as a good model to use.

Eco Fair- -come and get weighed-climate weight watchers

KW- group to share thoughts and ideas for post its -send to KW over the weekend. JS/LN to present at next meeting-logo. Sarah Callis does artwork-Sheryl to send details.

JS- approach takeaways regarding reusable /bio-degradable packaging from group-individually writing to them/ Jannah and Chinese-action for the future. **Disposable/compostable article and ask 'their views' might be a softer way of approaching the issue.** Polystyrene cups are the worst(GK) try small steps.

Agreed to meet on third Thursday every month from now on at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 8.44pm

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