

CAG- special meeting Wednesday 27th May at 6pm in Eco Hub reception

Agenda- National Emergency Briefing- Follow up session

Feedback from 13th June session and actions/discussions led by Emma Leaf-Grimshaw

Present: Kate Laugharne, Emma Leaf-Grimshaw, Martin Leaf Grimshaw, Molly Leaf Grimshaw, Nicola Jenkins, Sue and Rob Barrett, Miriam Foster, Kirstin Rayner, Sarah and Martin Tarrant. (delayed) John Day (representing Potton Town Council)

ELG outlined the main strands of the film and had arranged for the group to think of actions we as individuals and as a community can take to tackle the realities of climate change, how to lessen our impact on the environment, and the need for local resilience.

The film outlined how important it is for all of us to act to prevent temperatures from rising more than 2 degrees above normal. This will involve communities adapting for this change and the group to identify what these actions and priorities should be for our community.

KR to publish notes of the film showing and discussion that resulted afterwards. ELG has teased out the main themes-

Adapt to weather change

Invest in local resilient infrastructure

Active travel

Plant rich diets

Reducing food waste

Create adaptable communities

Protect soil and nature

Insulate homes

A series of large sheets were circulated with post its to gather ideas from the group on how we can tackle this challenge- (money no object/don't concern about cost). They were divided up into – major impact, minor impact, easy to difficult (quarters)

What do you want to see in the next 12 months and the next 5 years.

KR to circulate notes of prior session.

Group exercise commenced and were recorded with photos. The post it ideas were then placed on three sheets- individual actions, CAG/Parish/Local actions, and thirdly higher tier local and Central Government (national issues)

The information will be written up and circulated to the group. (ELG)

ELG advised that over the last 2 years the majority of the priorities have been achieved and delivered by CAG/Local Community/ parish council. PC continue to work on cycling (Potton representative keen to link the two communities)

Aim- is to create 3-5 main actions which will be the groups priority for the next few years. KR- possibly one from higher tier authority level and majority for local action- either by groups, the parish council or individuals.

Standard meeting was deferred- proposed next meeting was Weds 22nd July at 6pm.

Many thanks to Emma for arranging this follow up session.

Meeting closed at 7.10pm