

# CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP

## MINUTES

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Committee Room 4

### Attendees

Cllr Helen Wall, Cllr Shaun Blezard, Cllr Therese Assouad, Graham Harcourt, Steven Kendall, Cllr Alan Pemberton, Cllr Hazel Edwards, Jamie Muir, Mike Otto, Peter Buckley, Cllr Lee Roberts

Apologies from: Les Davies, Jan Sharp, Jennifer Dickinson, Marie Richards, Sabine Skae, Iain Taylor, Helen Houston, Chris Jones

### Minutes Agreed

#### Draft Climate Change Policy

Discussed Cumbria Climate Change Group meeting on Tuesday. Report from Mike Berners-Lee recommended a date of 2037 for Cumbria, in real terms that is a 13% year on year reduction in energy, broken down into a 5% reduction on food year on year, 10% reduction on visitor day footprint, a 500% increase in carbon capture land use, land use change and forestry. Footprint doesn't include emissions from M6 or energy produced off our coast through renewables.

**ACTION:** Agreed to set date at 2037.

Suggestion that we improve the wording around diet and lifestyle changes that people can make.

#### Draft Climate Change Action Plan

Add improved biodiversity / bee corridor into section 5, suggested actions include planting wildflowers along verges and create a town hall replica bee house to highlight issue

Tree emergency plan being created with the Woodlands Trust

**ACTION:** AC to follow up after meeting with Helene Houston and Therese Assouad

Add an action focused on reducing emissions from agriculture in the Borough

Add action around raising awareness around carbon footprint of dietary choices. Emerging healthy choices menu project somewhere to start for educating public.

Add action around citizens assembly and engaging the public – councillors keen for this to be council led and to start as soon as possible after policy agreed

Add action around the council becoming more cycling friendly, consider improved cycle storage, shower facilities and how we can encourage staff to choose active travel over car journeys.

**ACTION** : AC to add the above suggestions to action plan

### **Any Other Business**

Sent following the meeting – potential for FCC funding ( between £2k and £100K), have to be within 10 miles of a landfill site and need a contribution from a third party of 10.75%.

<https://fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk/funds/fcc-community-action-fund>

Also Carbon Literacy Training for the Climate Change Working Group

**ACTION:** To be considered at next meeting

### **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

To be confirmed following full council