

Meeting Notes: Malmesbury CAN Committee

27th January 2020

Present

Janet, Ade, Gavin, Fiona, Katie, Sam, Laura, Chris, Campbell, Ana, Fred, Fran and Chess
Apologies: Joy, Martin, Janinka

Work Stream Update

Thank you to Campbell who worked to get the Town Council's permission for the free use of the first 14 rooms for the 7 work streams, which was agreed on 18th February. A list of dates was sent around for team leads to agree the first date to convene their work streams. These are:

- Transport (led by Chris G and Janinka): 20th March
- Resource Sharing (led by Ana, Fred and Sam): 10th March
- Overall Strategy (led by Campbell, Gavin, Chris G and Katie P): 6th April
- Education/Lobbying (led by Katie P): 10th March
- Community Agriculture (led by Fran V, Laura and Sarah): 31st March
- Community Energy (led by Fiona and Martin): TBC
- Tree Planting and Biodiversity (overseen by strategy group in the interim): TBC

The rough agenda to follow for each meeting:

- General get to know one another
- Work programme with aims and timetable for what they would like to achieve
- Beyond request for room use, what support do they envisage needing from the Town Council/our steering group?
- Nomination of two permanent team leads (and any other permanent/rolling positions e.g. minute taker etc.)
- Date for second meeting (ideally the dates will follow a regular pattern e.g. 1st Monday of the month)

Chris recommended the Transition guide could be a good read before holding meetings -

<https://transitionnetwork.org/resources-essential-guide-transition/>

Actions:

1. **Chess/Gavin/Campbell/Fran: let Climate Day speakers know about what is happening with the convening of the work streams, confirming they would be okay to act as a knowledge source for the group and to provide details of team leads, to prepare them in case of contact**
2. **Gavin/Campbell/Fran: to liaise with Ben Thornbury/Julie Taylor and the River Valley Trust about confirming a date for the first meeting of the Tree Planting/Biodiversity group**
3. **Martin/Fiona: to confirm date for the first Community Energy meeting (Chess will provide options)**
4. **Chess: to provide team leads with the email addresses of those within their work streams, for them to contact with information about the meeting**
5. **Chess: to send out email to whole network, confirming dates/times of all meetings – this will also go on Facebook and website if possible**
6. **All: to consider whether there is a need for an 8th work stream – SUP/Waste**
7. **Campbell: to confirm further round of dates of room availability for the second meetings of the work streams**

MAP

Chess confirmed that after MAP submit their final bid for Plastic Free Community status for the town at the end of February/beginning of March, the current MAP team would be stepping back from the project. Depending on the outcome of the status, the group would be offered up for others to take over.

Actions:

1. **Chess to distribute list of all businesses/groups contacted and distribute to the MCAN committee**

Regular Speaker Series

Gavin confirmed that Kings Arms would in principle, be happy to act as a location for speakers, as long as event did not take place on peak night. Gavin also felt there might be potential with new owners of Rose and Crown.

Gavin confirmed that Professor Waltham will be the first speaker of our regular lecture series. His talk will be free to attend, open to the general public and will be held at Malmesbury Abbey, 7pm on 25th March. Kindly, Malmesbury Abbey will be offering the space for free, as part of their ongoing commitment to supporting climate action.

Details were also provided of our second event, organised by Charles Vernon from Movies at Malmesbury, a free screening of David Attenborough's new film on 16th April at 7.20pm. This will be a film with live/Q&A broadcast across the country. The event is free to attend but is ticketed, which can be collected from the Tourist Information Centre.

Volunteers will be needed for both events.

Actions:

- 1. Gavin/Campbell: to confirm the need for support for the Professor Waltham event and distribute to the committee**
- 2. Chess: to confirm with Charles Vernon what volunteers are required for the film screening and distribute to the committee**
- 3. Volunteer needed to support with design of flyer for Professor Waltham event + possibility of an accompanying MCAN flyer for distribution at these events**
- 4. All: to support with the distribution of information about the events**
- 5. Anyone with suggestions for further speakers to direct these to Gavin/Campbell/Fran**

AOB:

Katie presented a fantastic lesson plan and PowerPoint resource, directed at secondary school students, following a similar pattern of the Climate Action event. All agreed that it had great potential to be used across a range of schools/groups.

Actions:

- 1. Chess: to provide Katie with Dan Baker's email address**
- 2. Katie: to liaise with Dan Baker about opportunities to introduce this into the secondary school, getting the ball rolling before the first education work stream convenes (Katie to CC Gavin and Fran into correspondence, FTI in their roles as Chair/Town Council rep on the local Youth Network board)**
- 3. Laura/Chess: to upload Katie's resources onto our website**

Chris notified us that he would be leaving the team to take up a new position/PhD, with his last meeting with us on 23rd March. Chess also confirmed that she would be leaving to undertake a new role abroad. She'll be leaving in late April.

Janet/Ade/Katie confirmed progress with the formation of a new Youth Green Group 'Back For the Future' (working title) learning from the past to help shape our future. They will meet once a month on a Saturday morning in the Moravian Church, 10.30-12.30. Age range 8-15. All welcome to join first meeting on 14th March.

Gavin notified the committee about protest happening outside Wiltshire Council offices in Trowbridge on 25.02.20 to mark the one-year anniversary of the declaration of Climate Emergency in county. The wonderful MCAN banner was unveiled, kindly designed and crafted by Ade, which will be used at the protest and at future events.

Gavin asked for volunteers to help transcribe tablecloth resources. Sam, Katie, Chess, Fiona and Fred all volunteered to do this.

Actions:

- 1. Gavin to check if okay with TIC to act as a drop off point for tablecloths to be collected by volunteers to transcribe. Gavin to let us know once he has done this for collection by volunteers.**

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 23rd March, 7.30pm