



## Climate Emergency Advisory Group (CEAG)

Meeting 7th September 2020:

Items on the Agenda:

### **Chairman's Announcements:**

- The Climate Emergency Advisory Group were informed and updated on the new battery powered Environmental Services equipment. The equipment will not only reduce the petrol consumption currently used by the Town Council, but will also provide benefits to the residents through a reduction in noise and zero emissions.
- The group were reminded of the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust consultation evening on 28 September 2020 for all councillors and CEAG members to attend.

### **Election of Vice Chairman:**

- Alex Lockton was proposed by Councillor Nick Murray. There were no other nominations and with all councillors in favour, Alex Lockton was elected as Vice Chairman for the municipal year.

### **Recap on where the group are and priorities moving forward:**

- An update was provided as Ariane Crampton has been recruited by Wiltshire Council as Head of Carbon Reduction.
- It was highlighted that the Head of Carbon Reduction at Wiltshire Council has started to write a carbon reduction strategy, which should be adopted ready for post elections in May 2021.
- An initial conversation has been made with Wiltshire Council looking at the baselining figures. More data will be made available to the group from future Census.
- It was agreed that CEAG will present to Full Council a presentation of progression so far, so the other councillors can engage. It was also suggested that the Head of Carbon Reduction should be invited to the next Climate Emergency Advisory Group meeting.

### **Bee the Change presentation:**

- Heather Moore from Bee The Change presented to the group regarding the history of the Bee The Change project, the purpose of the project and the various local engagement projects it undertakes including vegetable growing and working with local crafts people.

### **CEAG Vacancies:**

- Discussed potentially adding a public member to the group that had biodiversity knowledge to assist with the group.

### **Future Agenda Planning:**

- It was asked if it was possible to see how COVID-19 has impacted the Town Council and its carbon footprint.

- It was also highlighted that Zero Chippenham is currently discussing ideas that could be fed into the group.