



Climate Emergency Advisory Group (CEAG)

Meeting 5 October 2020:

Items on the agenda:

Chairman's Announcements:

- The chairman welcomed Nikki Jones from Avon Needs Trust to the Climate Emergency Advisory Group Meeting

Future Action Plan:

- Alex Lockdown presented to the group the initial thoughts that were considered by Gill Johnson and himself from the Friends of the Earth 50 point plan.
- It was highlighted that although their initial thoughts were shared, it should be a larger group discussion.
- Both Alex Lockdown and Gill Johnson were thanked for their initial research, and the momentum it now gives the group.
- It was discussed that the list needs to prioritise what the Town Council could do from the 50 point plan.
- It was agreed that the presentation would be circulated to the group as a whole, so each member can make feedback.

Borehole at Stanley Park Sports Ground:

- The Head of Leisure Services verbally updated the group on the approved installation of a borehole at Stanley Parks Sports Ground. The project started due to an increased year on year cost of water for the ground. The total cost of the installation would be £23,265 and would have a 2 and half year buyback after which water would be free.
- Initially the borehole would be plugged into mains, but the next step would be looking at solar powered options.

Avon Needs Trees Presentation:

- Nikki Jones presented to the group regarding the work of the fairly new charity 'Avon Needs Trees.'
- The charity started due to the lack of woodland alongside the River Avon between Bristol and Chippenham. A plot of land has already been purchased just outside Calne with the scope to plant approximately 9000 trees.
- An invitation was extended to the members of the Climate Emergency Advisory Group to visit the site outside Calne, when safe to do so.

Climate Change Network Evening Report:

- Karen Simpson informed the group that the publication of the report from the Climate Change Network Evening has unfortunately been delayed due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
- The report will be shared with the group after it has been presented to the Wiltshire Council Area Board on 7 October 2020
- Councillor Nick Murry thanked all Councillors, CEAG members and officers who attended the original network evening.