



Climate Change & Environment Sub-group

5th November 2020

MS TEAMS

Attendees: Tim Butcher (BC CSG), Debbie Evans (CSP Clerk), Edna Austin, Grant Kirkby (CSG PC), Hellen Orme (GX TC), Isobel Darby (BC, CSP PC), Kate Southworth (CSP PC), Ruth Ryan (CSP PC), Siddharth Patel (BC CSG), Ros Massey (CSP PC), Carl Jackson (BC CSG)

Agenda:

- Welcome
 - Important subject with wide-ranging implications
 - Would like to see action locally before the end of the financial year
 - Re: schools' competition still a good idea, with focus on litter – could consider a pilot in one area, e.g. in CSG in where the green bins and some black bins appear to be able to have posters/stickers stuck on them.
- Introductions and Issues
 - GK: Unclear as to the scope, and remit of the group
 - CB is there to do things locally for the benefit of local people
 - ID: could a community property (such as parish halls) apply for monies towards making the property more energy efficient?
 - Yes
 - HO: plans to put electric car charging points in their car parks?
 - Being looked at in terms of the Climate Change agenda
 - RM: Flooding caused by gulleys not being cleared. Can we put pressure on having this more frequently?
 - Has been an issue for quite a while. More money has been put into this, but there is still a desperate need.
 - Note that after 2 lockdowns if a flood occurs, some businesses may have to close.
 - Any quick wins? These maybe things that the Parishes can apply for
 - Wildflower planting would be aesthetic, and add to biodiversity
 - Simple, but would be very effective
 - ID: would be lovely to see wildflowers along the A413
 - EA: Trialling wildflower verges in Denham, would welcome anyone to come and see how it is going
 - HO: One bund for wildflower growth. In GX, stopped using weed killer 4 years ago. DEFRA published "Act on CO2" for parish and town councils. HE will send to Ani to send out. Also make residents aware of plants that are more hardy to drought. Stickers on bins are very eye-catching.

- RR: Planting shrubs is far less maintenance than trees, providing huge biodiversity, help with flooding and oxygenation.
- RM: Hillingdon have lovely displays, something similar could be done along the A413
- KS: can take a leaf out of GX book re: weed killer. In sowing wildflowers, recommend the use of perennials
- Applications
 - Chalfont St Peter – Plant 100 trees by 2020.
 - DE introduced the item.
 - In 2016, the PC has planted 83 trees on verges to mitigate CO2 issues and flooding issues
 - Has been self-funding up until now, with LAF monies, and donations from residents etc.
 - Last push – fund the last 20 trees required to finish the project
 - Questions:
 - Roots of trees cause pavements to lift?
 - The trees planted are street trees, designed to not grow too big or wide, and to cope well with emissions
 - Do the trees provide biodiversity?
 - Yes, range of trees to offer as much biodiversity as possible
 - **Agreed to recommend this to the Community Board**
 - Would like to see the background papers
- AOB
 - Can a schedule of dates be circulated to Members?
 - Date on next meeting to be 14 January 2021 at 6.30pm