



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Climate and Biodiversity Emergency Committee (CBEC)
7th February 2023 at 7pm, Council Chamber, High St, Haslemere, GU27 2HG

Chairman	*Cllr G Lloyd
Vice-Chairman	*Cllr C Matthes
Councillors	*Barton, *Ellis, Waters, *Weldon, *Whitby

* present

The meeting was clerked by the Town Clerk, Lisa O'Sullivan.

1/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted for Cllr Ellis (family commitments).

2/23 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations were made.

3/23 METHOD OF TRANSPORT TO MEETING

Changes to the usual method:

Cllr Lloyd used a petrol car

Cllr Matthes used public transport

Cllr Barton drove

Cllr Ellis drove

4/23 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

the minutes of the meeting held 13th December 2022 were approved by the committee and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5/23 CARBON NEUTRAL ROADMAP

Cllr Lloyd stated that the CNR needed an update for 2023 which he will do in time for March Full Council. He will let the Town Clerk know what data he needs, such as electricity bills.

ACTION: Cllr Lloyd to update and circulate the CNR.

The transport improvement plan is underway, Cllr Barton asked that Cllr Lloyd highlights any trends in his updated roadmap report. Cllr Matthes noted that Cllr Nicholson has suggested that short committee meetings, such as Grants or F&G be held on the same night as another committee meeting – this could reduce the amount of travel to meetings. The Clerk reported that she is going to trail this, with the agreement of Council.

In terms of reducing other emissions, Cllr Lloyd reminded the committee that they were going to 1) to calculate supplier emissions and 2) develop criteria to assist making decisions about which suppliers/contractors to use. He reported that NALC is actually putting together a template for using sustainability as a criteria for supplier selection, we will await this rather than reinventing the wheel.

6/23 HTC GREEN GRANTS

It was noted that £7.5k is left in this year's Green Grants budget. Cllr Matthes suggested that Water Rangers may put in a grant application for equipment for sampling the river Wey in Haslemere.

ACTION: Cllr Matthes to let them know the deadline for submission (8th March).

Cllr Barton asked what criteria awards were based on and what evaluation of their success is done after the projects are complete.

ACTION: Cllr Lloyd to write a motion to go to the next Grants committee asking them to implement project evaluation – for both Green and Small grants.

7/23 GOOD PRACTICE IN CLIMATE ACTION

Cllr Lloyd noted that he had been meant to propose some case studies for submission to NALC. Having spoken to the Clerk he proposed a joint case study of the work that the Council has been doing.

ACTION: Cllr Lloyd to put some wording together for the NALC form. The Clerk will re-send to him.

8/23 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – BRIEF UPDATES

Cllr Barton reported that planning for the Great Green Get Together event on 18th March was going very well. Hasleworks has offered premises for free for the day and a number of local organisations, schools etc have signed up to participate. It is hoped that it will be a welcoming, informative events - there will be activities for children and free refreshments.

Cllr Ellis reported that the Haslemere Sustainable business initiative has now attracted five member businesses. They will do a final push for membership over the next couple of months, after which they hope membership will grow organically.

Phase 2 of the Haslemere Biodiversity Project is underway. It has a number of initiatives for the year including:

- Continue to identify biodiversity sites and corridors.
- Create a network of volunteers.
- Engage with local stakeholders and landowners.
- Work with Haslemere Town council.
- Work to separate itself from Haslemere Vision

Cllr Lloyd reported that the LHHW Library of Things is now set up at Haslemere Library and that they are using the empty shop front at Haslemere Station to good effect.

Beacon Hill United Reformed Church are looking for assistance in getting the Eco Church Silver award. Cllr Lloyd will email Cllr Barton who has some contacts who can help.

Cllr Weldon reported that Active Travel are working with Surrey University Climate group and may be eligible for some pollution monitoring equipment.

Meeting ended 8.06pm

Signed.....
Chairman of Meeting

Date.....