

Minutes of Glassonby Parish Council Climate Emergency

Sub-Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 9th December 2020

Attendees - Peter Clarke (PC), Richard Henry (RH), David Henderson (DJH), Dori Henderson (DH)

Apologies - None

Confirmation of Minutes - The minutes of 20th February 2020 were agreed. (Bi-monthly meetings put on hold due to Covid pandemic).

Review of last meetings minutes from 20th February 2020

Farming and the Environment – Eden Rivers Trust are doing work within the Parish. The leaky dams below the Hartside road still need improvement, but delays in work being carried out are Covid related. Work on riparian fencing well underway on fell side land, near the leaky dams, to keep farm animals out of the water courses and to limit access to specific drinking areas, reducing stream borne silt and removing bank erosion. New hedgerows are also being planted within double fencing. Farming practices need to evolve overtime to assist in the reduction of Climate Change impacts. Construction of swales to mitigate water movement is also being considered by some farmers, who farm the fell side slopes. Peatlands across Hartside and Fiends Fell, within the Parish, are large carbon sinks & capture areas, drainage ditches within the peat need to be blocked up. Commoner's rights may be an issue on the high fell where heather burning should be discouraged to maintain healthy peatland ecology. Consideration needs to be given to the impacts of ELMS funding and the use of slurry on fields affecting land ecology and un-necessary run off to watercourses affecting water ecology.

Setting up the face Book Page – review and update – No further action

Progress on and actions to reduce Climate Change – A number of local land owners had planted trees and this was welcomed, but there needs to be many more. Areas need to be identified in more public spaces, like Parish owned land e.g. Gamblesby Cricket pitch, as well as engaging with Parishioners to find more areas to be reserved for trees.

Eden District Council Update – No further information

Co-opting New Members Plans and potential members – RH to contact those who attended the 2019 Climate Emergency forum to gauge interest in them getting more involved.

Funding – No further information

Climate Emergency Planning for the Future – There is a need to get farmers and farming practice to connect the wider Parish population. This requires further discussion, though the possibility of an open meeting may be considered once the pandemic has a passed. There are good stories emerging to be told within the Parish. There may be a need to put together a flora and fauna list for the Parish, to see what we have at the moment, to identify any rarities and monitor any changes in the future. This will need people with local knowledge to identify species and habitats. Discussion covered the possibility of looking at the whole Parish in terms of what our carbon foot print is and how this could be reduced. This would be a sizable undertaking but

there are tools available on line. Further consideration needs to be given to this suggestion and how we would collect the information..

Meeting Summary and Agreed Actions – Get the link to the Parish Climate Change Facebook page into future Parish Committee minutes. **RH** to approach attendees of the Climate Change Forum.

Date of Next Meeting – suggested date Wednesday 10th February 2021

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