Minutes of Glassonby Parish Council Climate Emergency Sub-Committee

Inaugural Meeting held on Thursday 29th August 2019

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

Apologies - Anna Dixon

Meeting Planning - It was agreed to initially hold meetings every alternate month between full Parish Meetings

Minute Circulation - It was agreed that minutes of the Sub-Committee would be circulated only round full members and be lodged on the Parish web site at this stage.

Engaging with Parishioners and Young People - The meeting agreed that the whole community needed to be involved with the development of Climate Emergency plans, actions and activities. The process of education and information was critical in getting Parish engagement. It was agreed that the Parish Council would be the catalyst in energising the people of the Parish and not the sole activity generator.

Communication to the Parish - This would require the setting up of an email distribution list, households would be requested for their agreement to allow their emails to be added to the list. It was proposed a Parish Facebook page be created (**PC** to investigate). Notwithstanding these a house mail drop and flyer system would be required to cover those unwilling to be on the distribution list and those without email. We have a large number of skills, talents and resources in the Parish, which could be utilised to help the wider community, these need identified and possibly added to the Parish website.

Local Actions to Reduce Climate Change - Discussions raised a number of areas which could be considered including planting of fruit trees on Parish and private land, growing more vegetables and car sharing, walking and cycling within the local area.

Quick Gains for the Local Community - Discussions raised a number of activities which could be considered as short term gains without extensive involvement and requiring little set up. These included a local food/garden produce sharing scheme, encouraging grow your own food or sharing land, creating permanent allotments in Glassonby (P**C** to investigate), draft proofing and efficient use of heating. There was also a thought about identifying local suppliers of food. Asking Cumbria County Council not to cut back verges so severely, which would help wildlife.

Ideas Generation - The meeting covered a number of wider sweeping and longer term activities and projects to reduce the Parish's carbon foot print including property solar panel, holding a Repair Café (**RH** to investigate), swapping to household LED lighting, tree planting, Community power generation, local schools Energy Reduction (e.g. Energy Sparks Programme) (**DH** to investigate), bee/insect friendly planting and wildflowering, electric car charge point and car sharing.

Eden District Council Update – As EDC have also instigated a Climate Emergency it would be appropriate to liaise with them for common initiatives. Recent information suggested they were actively putting together a Climate Emergency Plan and there were indications that changes to the house building and planning process was likely to take at least 12 months.

Co-opting New Members - It was agreed to defer any co-opting at this stage, but **RH** agreed to email a number of those who attended the Public meeting to canvas their thoughts.

CAfS Cumbria Green Build & Sustainability Festival 2019 Opportunities - There was currently a number of events which may prove useful in providing information of potential Parish projects. CAfS were a useful source of information day to day.

Funding - It was suggested the Parish ring fence £150/£200 from the Parish budget to seed Climate Change events and carry out publicity, etc.

Climate Emergency Planning for the Future - It was suggested a Climate Emergency Planning process should be commenced, including a method to capture ideas from Parishioners.

Summary and Agreed Actions – The meeting reviewed the extensive outcomes of the small number of formal actions agreed.

AOB - None

Date of Next Meeting - During October, actual date to be confirmed