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| **Chiddingly Climate Action Group Meeting** **Wednesday 19 January 2022** **Six Bells, Chiddingly****Notes**  |

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| **Attendees** |
| Dylan Walker (Chair) | Mark Valleley (Secretary)  | David Nash  |
| Tina Letanka | Sally Ashby | Noel Hardy |
| Sheryl Renninson | Emma Keeys | Rachel Pratt |
| Stuart Hall | Anthony Redman | Jevan Keeys |
| Frankie Hornby  |  |  |
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| **Apologies** |
| Laura Johnstone | Mike Goss | Winnow Hardy  |
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| **Item** | **Action** |
| 1. **Welcome and notes from the previous meeting**
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| * 1. Dylan Walker (DW) welcomed everyone to the second meeting of the group.
	2. An article summarising the outcomes of the last meeting on 10 November was published in the December Issue of the Parish News.
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| 1. **Why are you here?**
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| * 1. DW asked everyone to introduce themselves and state briefly what had motivated them to come to the meeting.
	2. Those attending gave a range of answers including:
* concerned about climate change and wanting to take action;
* an interest in the subject of climate change;
* interested or have expertise/knowledge in particular action areas/projects that can tackle climate change (rewilding, tree planting, ecology, horticulture, renewable energy, alternative fuels (hydrogen));
* wanting to do something at a community level to help tackle climate change, making it easier for individuals to take action by using the knowledge and expertise of those in the village;
* wanting to understand more about what we can do as individuals to tackle climate change, including how we travel, heat our homes, source our food, reuse and recycle, buy the things we need, manage the environment around us; and
* making sure we make greater use of existing community assets such as the village shop being a community hub.
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| 1. **What’s your vision for Chiddingly in 10 years’ time?**
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| * 1. DW asked everyone to write down their Vision for Chiddingly in 10 years’ time. What would people like to see happening in 10 years and what would need to happen in the next year to realise their vision.
	2. Responses included the following:
* Renewable power in the village so that we are self-sufficient;
* 1000 trees having been planted;
* High level of cooperation/networking between people, sharing information and resources;
* Chiddingly as a ‘transition village’(<https://transitionnetwork.org/>)
* Chiddingly to be recognised for its success in reducing carbon emissions;
* More people buying more locally sourced produce from the village shop;
* Forest/market garden producing food for sale in the shop;
* Principles of reuse, recycle and regift widely adopted (<https://www.strivingforsimple.co.uk/9-steps-to-help-navigate-sustainable-living/>)
* People living simpler lives, consuming less, working from home more, travelling less, going on holiday abroad less;
* All power used in the village coming from renewable sources;
* People sharing transport;
* Affordable eco-friendly homes for young people;
* Reduced verge and hedge cutting;
* Less energy intensive banking and financial systems;
* Demand responsive minibus/transport service;
* Community solar farm;
* Hydrogen generation unit in the village.
	1. Things that people felt needed doing in the next year to realise their 10-year vision:
* Find out what others are villages are doing and learn from their experience;
* Climate change Action Plan in place;
* Links with other villages pursuing same goals;
* Set up an information sharing resource, website, notice board in shop, regular items in Parish News;
* Get children in the village involved;
* Provide information and resources to enable people to make more informed choices;
* Identify potential funding sources for projects including rewilding projects;
* Community makes a conscious decision to reduce carbon footprint;
* Establish:
	+ ‘library of things’ (<https://www.libraryofthings.co.uk/>),
	+ seed swap event (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seed_swap>)
	+ a repair café (<https://www.asustainablelife.co.uk/repair-cafes/>)
	+ men in sheds (<https://www.mybrightonandhove.org.uk/people/peopfolk/local_folks>)
	+ carsharing/lift sharing (<https://como.org.uk/>)
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| 1. **Task & Finish Groups**
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| * 1. In order to identify actions that could be taken forward in the short term, it was suggested that a number of ‘task and finish’ groups should be set up. These subgroups would look into and discuss identified action areas and then report back to the next meeting of main group.
	2. Through discussion, three initial topics were identified for investigation through task and finish groups, with volunteers identified to sit on each group:
* Information sharing (David, Stuart, Rachel)
* Establishing a ‘Library of Things’ (Sheryl, Dylan, Frankie)
* Transport (car sharing and lift sharing) (Mark, Sheryl and Tony)

4.3 Each group should aim to meet before the next meeting of the main group and report back the outcome of their initial discussions on the action needed. | **DN/SH/RP/MV/AR/SR/ DW/FH** |
| 1. **Communications**
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| * 1. A discussion took place about how the group should communicate its activities to the community. A Facebook group was discussed but not all those attending use Facebook. It was suggested that the existing Chiddingly & East Hoathly Facebook group be used as a number of those at the meeting followed it – a dedicated Facebook group could follow later in the year. The development of a dedicated website and the use of Nextdoor (<https://nextdoor.co.uk/> were also suggested. The Parish Magazine could continue to be used to publicise future meetings and provide updates on the work of the group.
	2. A discussion took place about how members could communicate between meetings. It was suggested that a WhatsApp group be set up, although not all group members may want to use it. MV to set up a WhatsApp group using the contact details that had been provided.
 | **MV** |
| 1. **Item for discussion at the next meeting**
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| * 1. Items for discussion at the next meeting:
* Ideas for a ‘Show and Tell’ event where group members showcased existing good environmental practice over a weekend through ‘open houses’ – solar, panels, heat pumps, electric cars, electric bikes, horticultural and rewilding examples. Possibly time this event to coincide with the Scarecrow Festival;
* The name of the group; and
* Extending membership of the group to include residents of East Hoathly?
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| 1. **Any other business**
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| * 1. **Date and time of next meeting: 19.30 Thursday 24 February 2022 – Back Room, Six Bells**
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