

# Wellington Town Council

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## WELLINGTON CLIMATE EMERGENCY STEERING GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held online via Zoom, on **9th June 2022** commencing at 6.00pm.

<b>Present</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Cllr Paul Davis	Cllr A Lowe
Cllr John Latter	Keli King (The Little Green Pantry)
Cllr Giles Luter (in part)	Guy Roberts (Wrekin College)
Linda Devey (Soroptimist)	Jenny Flegg (Scout Leader)
Karen Wood (Well Deck)	David Taylor (Saturday Cycles)
Jane Bundy	
David Staniforth	
Paola Armstrong	

**1. Welcome and Introductory remarks**

Cllr Davis welcomed everyone to the meeting with brief introductions.

**2. Declarations of Interest: None**

**3. Apologies for absence: Cllr Lowe, K King, G Roberts, J Flegg, D Taylor**

**4. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Cllr Luter proposed and Karen Wood seconded.

**5. Matter arising from those minutes**

PA emailed Town Clerk (12/5/22) to check if it's possible to have a non-councillor to act as Deputy Chair on a working group.

*"A sub committee (but not a finance committee) may include persons who are not elected councillors – often known as co-opted committee members – but they have no voting rights (except on wholly-advisory committees, under LGHA 1989 s. 13 – but see exceptions set out in para A109 below) and it seems that, if a co-opted member is appointed to chair a meeting, he/she has neither an original nor a casting vote. To be eligible for co-option onto a committee, a person need not be qualified for election or for holding office as a member of a local authority under s. 79, LGA 1972 but he/she must not be disqualified under s. 80 (s.104)."*

PD added that voting would only take place on financial matters whereby only councillors would be able to vote.

PA spoke with Ruth Jones (Social Engagement Officer) at Veolia and arranged for her to have a stand at the Nature Festival (Family Fun days at Bowring Park) on 9<sup>th</sup> August. Keli King also might have a stall.

Ruth is also happy to attend one of the CESG Zoom meetings to answer any questions we may have. PD would like to invite Ruth to the September meeting.

**ACTION: PA to invite Ruth to the September meeting.**

PA has completed litter pick Risk Assessment (with the help of T&W) and emailed to all members of the CESG on 7/6/22.

PD contacted SAS Quillie to let her know he is now the chair and he now has access to the portal. He has also signed up to the SLAC community.

PD has arranged to collect approx. 30 grabbers, hoops and bags tomorrow. The Litter Pick is happening on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 10am. PD will ask PA to circulate details of a starting point, once decided.

David Staniforth has had a walk around Wellington today and identified relevant areas. At this point Cllr Luter left.

PD worked through the Mossy Life directory. The majority of businesses on there are already working towards becoming plastic free.

PD to speak to the management at Aldi to see if they would facilitate a mass unwrap. Not done as yet as he was involved in a borough wide discussion about soft plastic – some debate about where these actually go. PD will do some investigate into this subject

**ACTION: PD will investigate the disposal of soft plastics**

## 6. Plastic Free Update

Keli King has received her Plastic Free plaque.

Karen at WellDeck not received hers (notified on 11/3/22) so PD will find out the progress of this. Karen also mentioned other businesses in the Market Annexe have not received theirs.

Jane Bundy will check up with Lisa (Lesley's Larder) and Diane (Sweets Galore).

A discussion was had about the requirements

**ACTION: PD to find out the progress of the plaque for Karen at Well Deck**

**ACTION: Jane Bundy to chase up with Lesley's Larder and Sweets Galore**

## 7. Events

### Litter Pick

Keli, Katie and Kelly (Little Green Pantry) will be at the litter pick. As will Cllr Lowe.

The starting point will be sent tomorrow. PD will collect the equipment tomorrow. The start time is 10am.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> event

PA suggested that the Bowring Park Family Fun Day could be the 2<sup>nd</sup> event. Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August. Jane Bundy (Climate Action Hub) ran through the events at the Nature Festival - repurposing and reusing plastic for growing things. Also involve making the Bee Bombs and ask for T-shirts which they no longer wear, so that they can be printed on. Asking for donations of school uniforms and sports kits so that at the end of August, they will hold a clothes swap (hopefully in Wellington).

David also represents the Shropshire Cycle Hub (they were in Wellington for the MidSummer Fayre) and mentioned that he could bring the rickshaw to offer rides for the children at the family fun day.

PD suggested we have the Plastic Free logo prominent – perhaps on banners.

Linda – Soroptimists had a table at an event, giving away seeds to encourage people to plant and grow their own. Also sold plants, in cardboard, recycled tubes so show people they didn't need plastic plant pots. PD asked for photos with some words etc to go on social media.

Karen at Welldeck mentioned she keeps her coffee granules to give away for people to add to their gardens. John Latter also mentioned The Boardroom Café are looking for where to drop their coffee granules.

Jane Bundy is interested in collecting the granules for the event.

**ACTION: Linda to send Paola details (with photos) of the Soroptimists event**

**ACTION: Karen to get in touch with various coffee granules and arrange to collect them the weekend before the Fun Day in August.**

## **8. Any other business**

Cllr Anthony Lowe is attending Charltonbury and has a stall there to talk about climate and plastic free initiative. Friday 10th June from 4-8pm

Jane Bundy said that next month is plastic free July. She suggested a social media campaign.

PD said that we would try and promote any other events that were happening. Need to identify all the businesses that have received their awards and do some posts about that during plastic free July. Use the plastic free logo as well. Mention about being on the journey to obtaining plastic free status for Wellington.

## **9. Date and time of next meeting to be agreed.**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be on Zoom at 6pm on Thursday 7th July 2022. This meeting began at 18:00pm and concluded at 18:45pm.

### **ACTIONS:**

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