

# Wellington Town Council

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## WELLINGTON CLIMATE EMERGENCY STEERING GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held online via Zoom, on **30th March 2022** commencing at 6.00pm.

<b>Present</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Cllr A Lowe	Guy Roberts
Cllr P Davis	Keli King
David Taylor (Saturday Cycles)	Jane Bundy
Jenny Flegg (Scout Leader of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wellington)	Cllr Giles Luter
Paola Armstrong	

### 1. **Welcome and Introductory remarks**

Cllr Lowe welcomed everyone to the meeting with brief introductions.

### 2. **Declarations of Interest:** None

### 3. **Apologies for absence:** Jane Bundy, Guy Roberts, Keli King, Giles Luter

### 4. **To confirm the minutes of the last meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> March February 2022**

Cllr Davis proposed and Cllr Lowe seconded.

### 5. **Matter arising from those minutes**

Retrospective apology from Cerys from Landau as the invite was stuck in her spam filter.

AL said that the Pledge cards needs to be filled out by those businesses or community group. DT still has some. AL said the schools are applying for the schools packs.

Guy Roberts sent a message to say that he has enrolled Wrekin College in the Plastic Free School initiative.

Keli's update:

*"As far as I know, my two businesses have been accredited and I was told by Quillie that my plaque was in the post but as yet it has not been received.*

*I believe Emma from Park Street Kitchen has uploaded her evidence and so has Karen at The Welldeck.*

*I have forwarded on contact information for a few community groups to Giles, Soroptimist International (Wrekin branch), Womens Institute (Wrekin branch), Bowring Park, Friends of the Station, Peace Garden and All Saints church.*

*When I get back to work properly I will pop round all businesses and check on their status and also push for some more to sign up.”*

## 6. **Plastic Free Update**

### Community Allies

Guy Roberts - Wrekin College is now enrolled

**ACTION: For GL to contact Transition Telford, Climate Emergency Centre, Soroptimist International (Wrekin branch), Women’s Institute (Wrekin branch), Bowring Park, Friends of the Station, Peace Garden and All Saints Church.**

**ACTION: PD to work through the Mossy Life directory and contact those businesses that operate in and around Wellington to see if they’re interested in signing up to the Plastic Free Initiative**

AL attended the bi monthly meeting with the borough for the Plastic Free Initiative and gave an update. AL also mentioned there is to be a Spring Clean. We need to have 2 events this year where we are engaging with the public. A suggestion was made to have a stall at the Midsummer Fayre or perhaps the Christmas Lights Switch On. Also suggested was a Mass Unwrap.

**ACTION: PD to speak to the management at Aldi to see if they would facilitate a mass unwrap.**

DT went through his experience of signing up to the SAS website and has offered to help anyone else, should they require it.

## 7. **Communications**

PD went through the social media updates.

PA suggested that any interesting links be sent via email and she will add them at the end of the minutes (to avoid overloading with emails)

A further discussion was had about the events with various suggestions given including the Spring Clean (and perhaps involving the Scouts), possibly a summer clean, having a stall to try and engage with the community, encouraging some ethical Christmas shopping etc

**ACTION: AL to speak to Lauren Hands to find out more information about the Spring Clean**

**ACTION: PA to put Events as an agenda item for the next meeting**

## 8. **Any other business**

DT went through the process of signing up.

AL will continue with schools.

PA gave an update with her communications with Jess Clay (Morrisons) regarding soft plastics and the possibility of having a Mass Unwrap at the store.

JF also gave an update on the Scout group and Erccall Wood.

**ACTION: PD requested a direct update from PA regarding Morrisons**

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

It was agreed that the next meeting would be on Zoom at 6pm on Wednesday 4 May 2022. This meeting began at 18:00pm and concluded at 18:50pm.

**ACTIONS:**

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## Steering Group Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2022, 18:00 Virtual



### **Attendee's:**

Giles Luter (Chair)  
Charlotte Kemp

David Taylor  
Paul Davis

Keli King      Jane Bundy  
Anthony Lowe

- Discussion on training event feedback presented by AL, covering the requirements to progress us quickly. He explained it was very informative.
- JB requested additional social media presence was required, in light of it being Plastic Free February. PD brought the meeting up to speed with the progress made against actions from last meeting. Logo finally secured, all social media channels had been renamed and rebranded and posts were going out. PD asked that associated groups and businesses tag in the accounts so posts can be shared and reposted.
- Requests from GL, KK, JB to be added to social media. PD actioned facebook invites during meeting. Instagram and Twitter access will be arranged for KK in due course.
- Discussion around engaging schools, AL advised he was progressing this and had already engaged Old Hall School.
- KK is going to create a poster to display in her shop and share online, PD to send logo to KK to assist in broadening the reach and visibility of Plastic Free Wellington.
- AL showed a pledge card, agreed to will drop 10 of them off with DT and KK for dissemination.
- DT, KK, JB to ask businesses that pledge to submit their email address and get a photo for social media. The email address will be used to keep people up to date and ensure they are invited to meetings.
- KK advised that 3 pieces of evidence are required, including data and photographs. All of which need to be uploaded and evidenced.
- PD suggested that keeping a log of businesses that pledge locally along with what they are submitting for evidence will be to build a hyperlocal picture and seize opportunities to generate social media content.

- GL asked DT, KK and JB to pick up liaison with businesses and feedback at the next meeting on progress made.
- Admin support – AL raised a need for admin support, KK advised that an employee would be willing to assist. PD, GG and AL will take this request to the WTC Climate Emergency Group to see if this can be supported.
- It was decided that the following would pick up lead roles accordingly.
  - AL to liaise with schools.
  - KK, JB, Dt to liaise with businesses.
  - GL will liaise with community groups.
- AL attended the recent Bi-Monthly meeting with T&W, other representatives are PD and Paola Armstrong (WTC). In essence the date for achieving Plastic Free Status was expected to be September 2022, however this has been pushed back to early 2023, following consultation with other town representatives, including Wellington who all felt it was to big an ask.
- PD suggested a plastic free litter pick as a group with a March deadline, including resource and support from the Borough and Town Council. Where Single Use plastic could be collected, photographed and reusable alternatives suggested, again for raising awareness.
- JB advised that she is away most of March.
- Date of Next meeting is provisionally booked in for Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2022 @ 18:00, virtual. Please note that the date may be subject to change pending WTC Climate Emergency Meeting decision.