

# Wellington Town Council

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## WELLINGTON CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held online via Zoom, on **3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022** commencing at 6.00pm.

Present

	Apologies
Cllr Giles Luter	
Cllr Anthony Lowe	
Cllr Paul Davis	
Paola Armstrong	

**1. Welcome and Introductory remarks**

Cllr Luter welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Declarations of Interest: None**

**3. Apologies for absence: None**

**4. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Cllr Davis proposed and Cllr Lowe seconded.

**5. Matter arising from those minutes**

PA received the minutes from the Plastic Free Steering Group (5/1/22) from Cllr Luter and these were attached to the last CEWG Minutes.

**6. Plastic Free Steering Group Feedback**

A discussion was had and it was stated that the Steering Group is definitely heading in the right direction and is going very well. PD mentioned that he's had further communication with Quillie (from SAS) to sign off the Community Leader Agreement. PD is Lead Champion and has access to the dashboard and can register businesses and champions. Businesses are signing up and providing evidence to the SAS website. A focus is now provided with the 7 clear steps that need to be followed. Giles will liaise with the community groups, Anthony with the schools, Jane Bundy, Dave Taylor and Kelli with the businesses. GL has also been round to speaking to businesses. AL has taken the pledge cards to town for distribution. Possible date for the next meeting is Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022.

**Action:**

**Cllr Luter to send PA the Steering Group minutes to be included.**

**7. Discuss incorporating the Plastic Free Steering Group with the CEWG**

AL feels that there is duplication with the 2 groups and that what we're trying to achieve in Wellington is one single minded effort – so at the moment, he doesn't feel it's appropriate to have both. Temporarily, we roll the Steering Group into the CEWG and it will allow us to harness the time of the council officer to assist with the admin of the Steering Group.

PD fully supports this. It would also help to see if the people involved in the Steering Group may well be interested in being involved in another project. Suggestion of between now and January 2023. The Steering Group don't have to meet every month.

AL suggests to communicate to other Councillors that the CEWG have decided to merge with the Steering Group until we achieve plastic free status for Wellington.

GL suggested a merged name.

The decision was unanimous to merge the groups.

AL proposed the name Climate Emergency Steering Group (CESG). PD seconded.

A discussion was had and it was agreed that 6pm on the first Wednesday of the month.

PD suggested that in the meeting, all business should be concluded within 90 minutes.

The Chair will communicate the changes to the Steering Group Members.

**Action:**

**Cllr Luter will communicate the changes to the Steering Group Members**

**8. Any other business**

A discussion was had about the Refill initiative and PD confirmed that it is all up and running, but doing the plastic free initiative would help to add members to Refill and also give a chance to update the list (e.g. one of the signed up businesses is now no longer trading). Also discussed was various events and activities to be investigated further.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022. This meeting began at 18:00pm and concluded at 18:50pm.

**LIST OF ACTIONS**

**Cllr Luter to send PA the Steering Group minutes to be included.**

**Cllr Luter will communicate the changes to the Steering Group Members**