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WELLINGTON CLIMATE EMERGENCY STEERING GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held online via Zoom, on **12th May 2022** commencing at 6.00pm.

| Present | Apologies |
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| Cllr A Lowe | Graeme Hawes (St Patrick's) |
| Cllr P Davis | Dave Taylor (Saturday Cycles) |
| Cllr G Luter | |
| Linda Devey (Soroptimist) | |
| Karen Wood (The Welldeck) | |
| Jane Bundy (CEC) | |
| Keli King (The Little Green Pantry) in part | |
| Jordan Stanley (Manga Crate) | |
| Guy Roberts (Wrekin College) | |
| Dave Staniforth (local resident) | |
| Jenny Flegg (Scout Leader) in part | |
| Paola Armstrong | |

- Welcome and Introductory remarks**
Cllr Luter welcomed everyone to the meeting with brief introductions.
- Declarations of Interest:** None
- Apologies for absence:** Graeme Hawes, Dave Taylor
- To confirm the minutes of the last meeting 30th March 2022**
Cllr Davis proposed and Cllr Lowe seconded.
- Matter arising from those minutes**
PA put Events as an agenda item for the next meeting.

PD requested a direct update from PA regarding Morrisons. PA sent email 6/4/22 with details of her meeting with Morrisons and contact details of the new manager.

AL spoke to Louise Stanway to find out more information about the Spring Clean. We can organise one at a date convenient to us and T&W will provide the equipment and arrange to collect the rubbish. No organised one at borough level is planned at the moment.

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. To be carried over to next meeting.

PD to speak to the management at Aldi to see if they would facilitate a mass unwrap. To be carried over to next meeting.

6. Election of Chair and Deputy Chair

Cllr Lowe proposed PD. GL seconded. PD accepted.

PD proposed AL. GL seconded.

The question was raised as to whether a non-councillor can act as deputy.

AL proposed Keli King as deputy, PD seconded.

This will be ratified by council and agreed at the next meeting

ACTION: PA to check if it's possible to have a non-councillor to act as Deputy Chair on a working group

7. Plastic Free Update

A discussion was had about access to the portal at Surfers against Sewage. PD will contact them to gain access to the portal.

Graeme Hawes (St Patrick's) did sign up for the Surfers against Sewage but have not heard anything back. It was regarding three pledges the school offered. He has asked for help on an update on this.

AL has been focussing on the schools. He has done a presentation to Wrekin College as a visiting speaker. He has another scheduled at Charlton School and mentioned Charltonbury on Friday 10th June 4:30pm and 8:30pm. PD asked for this to be one of the events. KK mentioned about a lady at Veolia who might be able to help.

Guy Roberts has visited the Veolia site with some of the pupils and found them to be incredibly engaging. Very on board with communicating with the schools.

Jordan Stanley (Manga Crate) has already signed up for the SAS scheme and made three changes to his business to try and use less plastic. Jordan also mentioned the Big Plastic Count that is taking place next week.

KWood – still hasn't received her plaque yet and it's been about 7 weeks. KK said that no one had received theirs – but her contact had been on leave and will post them out shortly.

A round of introductions then took place. KK had to leave.

KKing is promoting the big plastic count on her social media and that of Sustainable Wellington and also offering discount in store for people bringing their completed plastic count back into store (The Little Green Pantry).

ACTION: PD to contact SAS Quillie to let her know we've elected a new Chair and that he will need access to the portal

ACTION: PA to make contact with Veolia to see what they can do for us to raise awareness of plastic free eg have a stall at one of the events.

8. Events

PD suggested a litter pick and after a discussion it was decided on Sunday 12th June from 10am to 1pm. Dave Staniforth suggested that the area is chosen carefully as there are already litter picking groups in the area.

AL mentioned security - last time T&W were asked to drop the equipment off in reception area of the parish centre.

PD to work with PA to get a plan in place. PA to liaise with the borough to secure the equipment and make sure it can be dropped somewhere and that the collection will happen soon after. All people who are part of the steering group will be contacted to see if they are available to help with the litter pick.

JF said we can use the Scout Hut to drop the equipment off and use as a safe place.

JB has some Street Champions who she will ask to join the litter pick.

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PA spoke about the possibility of the Plastic Unwrap at Morrisons and PD would like this to be carried over to the next meeting.

9. Any other business
None

10. Date and time of next meeting to be agreed.
It was agreed that the next meeting would be on Zoom at 6pm on Thursday 9th June 2022. This meeting began at 18:00pm and concluded at 19:00pm.

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