

**Ledbury Town Council  
Meeting Notes of the  
Climate Change Working Party meeting  
held on 11 January 2021 via Zoom**

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Howells, Nina Shields (Chairman), Al Braithwaite, Alan Pike, Paul Kinnaird, Dilys Merry, Anne Crane, Michael Sessarego

**ALSO PRESENT:** Beth Williamson - Herefordshire Green Network (HGN)  
Nicola Young - Deputy Town Clerk

**CC.28 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dee Knight and Stephen Chowns, and Caroline Green

**CC.29 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Councillors Only)**

None received.

**CC.30 HEREFORDSHIRE GREEN NETWORK**

Beth Williamson, Herefordshire Green Network (HGN), attended the meeting and provided an overview of the HGN organisation. Beth advised that she coordinates The Great Collaboration, is the Green Schools Event Manager and is also a Parish Councillor in Leominster Town Council. She provided the following information:

- HGN has 70 member organisations
- The Great Collaboration:
  - between 2017 & 2020 has delivered a series of carbon reduction workshops in partnership with the Centre for Alternative Technology.
  - all workshops can be accessed by members on YouTube
  - the next step is to set up Forums for Parish Clerks and environmental working groups
  - HGN have received funding from NCS and are planning:
    - to provide a tool to assist organisations to reduce their carbon footprint
    - to assist organisations to make a pledge to take action to reduce their carbon footprint and understand the barriers to any project which may occur.
- HGN was borne out of the Transition Town movement.

- Organisations are asked to make a £50 annual subscription payment, and individuals are asked to make a voluntary contribution, in order that the Network is as inclusive as possible.

**RECOMMENDED:**

**That Ledbury Town Council becomes a member of the Herefordshire Green Network at a cost of £50 per annum for 2021, payment from the Climate Change budget.**

The Chair thanked Beth Williamson for her presentation, following which Beth left the meeting.

**CC31. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MEETING NOTES FROM THE CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING PARTY HELD ON 23 NOVEMBER 2020**

**RESOLVED:**

**That the meeting notes from the Climate Change Working Party meeting held on 23 November 2020 be received and noted as a correct record.**

**CC.32 CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN**

The following discussion and updates were made to the Action Plan at the meeting:

Projects to Achieve Goals column: additions in red

- CC3. Ledbury Town Council to give consideration to the supply chain when entering into purchase of goods and services - possible support from HGN
- CC4. Reduce LTC carbon footprint - possible support from HGN and Centre for Alternative Technology pending agreement by Committee
- CC6. Promote Shop Local campaign - message is to reduce food miles
- CC7. Raise awareness of energy discount schemes and how energy efficiency of homes can be improved - Paul Kinnaird to speak to Climate Change meeting on 1 March 2021
- CC8. Develop a plastic free policy for LTC and pledge a commitment to work towards a plastic free town - Draft policy distributed to Working Party members at the meeting, comments requested back to Deputy Clerk by 25 January 2021
- CC9. Regular litter pick events & working with organisations who already do this - Deputy Clerk & DM to source locally priced options subject to approval by Environment & Leisure Committee.
- CC15. Develop and promote lift-sharing scheme - Completed – article on Malvern Hills Car Club in December Council newsletter

CC20. Manage land for nature use - Reported back to Climate Change Working Party that a report on the Licenses to Cultivate to be submitted to the Environment & Leisure Committee meeting 0.

on 14 January 2021

CC21. In order to increase tree cover, a request was made to Councillor Howells that the NDP working party consider 'miniature forests'.

CC33. Minimise Waste going to Landfill – consider support from HGN and those involved in the litter picks will sort rubbish and take to the recycling centre. The involvement of Balfour Beatty Living Places (BBLP) to collect and return litter picking equipment meant two trips to and from Hereford before and after the event. Therefore the Working Party considered that involvement from BBLP was not required.

CC36 to CC38 – NDP Working Party actions

CC36 Designate sites within the NDP for trees – miniature forests.

CC38 Designate safe walking and cycle routes in the NDP – to include Lost Ways (paths which are not on the definitive map but are either rights of way or walked often, these paths need to be registered by 2026 as a right of way) and Slows Ways.

Michael Sessarego & Anne Crane offered to support NDP Working Party with identifying footpaths to be registered prior to 2026.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1. That the Environment & Leisure Committee be requested to give consideration to the Climate Change Working Party to work with HGN & the Centre for Alternative Technology to source quotes for an expert to undertake the carbon footprint measurement of Ledbury Town Council assets, so the Council have a baseline figure to improve upon**
- 2. Recommend to Environment & Leisure Committee that Climate Change Working Party review a draft Council Single-Use Plastic Policy and report back to next Committee with final document.**
- 3. Recommend to Environment & Leisure Committee that the Climate Change budget be used to purchase litter picking equipment: 10 x grabbers, hoops, gloves and hi-vis vests, to support individuals and community groups (when able) to carry out community litter picks in Ledbury.**

Michael Sessarego left the meeting at 7.30 pm.

### **CC.33 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

#### **RESOLVED:**

The next meeting of the Climate Change Working Party is scheduled for Monday, 1 March 2021 at 6.00pm via Zoom.

The meeting ended at 7.35 pm

Signed: ..... Date: .....  
Chairman