

Notes from the Joint Parishes Climate action group meeting 13 Jan 2025

Apologies noted from Mark Knight, Ashurst

Attendees: Ann Blakelock, Mick Tilley, Mike Croker, Bramber

Richard Bell, Vicci Johnson, Steyning

Frank Bull, Jill Cannon, Upper Beeding

In attendance Geoff Barnard, Greening Steyning

1. Local walking and cycling survey draft report discussed and suggestions to break down actions by Parish and categorise them on how ambitious they are, e.g. whether Parish Council can action or lobby. Discussed steps towards developing a joint walking and cycling plan – incorporate into neighbourhood plans for example, keep the focus on a joint Councils plan but each individual Council will prioritise actions that are wholly within their control. Important to keep key players eg WSCC and HDC, business chamber and schools involved. Suggested that wider consultation follows first draft of the plan. In drafting the plan, enlist support from the three Parish clerks.

Agreed - That the draft walking and cycling plan is circulated to all Councillors to feedback individually and that final sign off the plan is at each of the three Full Councils.

Agreed that we seek delegated authority for the joint Parishes climate action group to monitor progress against the plan, once approved.

Questions to our Councils – would a joint Councils meeting to discuss the draft plan be useful?

2. Update on progress towards home insulation grants for lower income homeowners. Leaflet from Greening Steyning ready to be circulated with LEAP leaflet to 3 streets with the worst EPC ratings in households likely to be in fuel poverty. However, insulation from these houses may have been upgraded since the EPC. Use of a thermal imaging camera from Horsham available for a week – perhaps publicise on social media for volunteers.
3. Discussion on how to progress a half hourly bus service. Seek delegated authority to invite bus companies to a meeting but first clarify the rules around route allocation and frequency (Vicci) and discuss options with community transport Sussex (Frank) and consider potential opportunity of free capacity of the Steyning community minibus.
4. Update on One Planet. Another training meeting 17th Feb. Ann will circulate details.
5. Logo discussion. Needs further thought and dedicated email
6. Next meetings (Upper Beeding parish office 7:30): 7 April, 7 July, 6 Oct