

## CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP – 29 September 2022 at 3.00pm

PRESENT:

Cllr D Berryman (Chair)	Marshal Scott – Chief Executive
Cllr S Fletcher	John Heap – Director of Community Services
Cllr S Bibby	
Cllr J Clark	

APOLOGIES

Received for Cllrs S Atkinson, J Hill and R Thompson and from Colin Hirst and Mair Hill.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2022 were approved as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- 1. Colin Hirst would put an item on the agenda for the next Economic Development Partnership meeting regarding charging points at their premises – on the agenda for October meeting**
- 2. John Heap to explore the installation of 2 EV points on the car park at Barclay Road, Longridge – no problem with the feasibility of this. There is currently a scheme pending for EV points on car parks generally.**
- 3. John Heap to seek expert advice on where best to install solar panels – looking at this in order of ‘quick wins’ – where they will be most effective first eg. public toilet blocks. A survey is being carried out.**
- 4. John Heap would invite the Regional Development Officer from Cadent to give a presentation to the working group on plans for hydrogen blending for domestic/industrial use – apologies given this time – they will attend the next meeting.**
- 5. Olwen Heap would follow up tree planting opportunities with Hanson Cement – a small area of land available. The Chair will contact Sam Wrathall to discuss.**
- 6. Marshal Scott to ask RRT where the trees had been planted with the £15k given to them – 9 woodlands; 16.3 hectares of land; 14,879 trees. The group would like to invite Jack Spees to attend a meeting in the new year and supply a map of where trees have been planted. They would also like to make a request to Policy & Finance committee for a further £15k grant to RRT.**
- 7. Nicola Hopkins would ask the ‘tree officers’ be look out for areas of land appropriate for tree planting – done.**
- 8. Marshal Scott to circulate One Carbon World report once received – done – an item on this agenda.**
- 9. The note from Colin Hirst on HUG would be circulated – done.**
- 10. John Heap would report the application for bathing water status to Community Services committee for their endorsement – entered into a dialogue with Jack Spees. More information required before a report can be done to committee.**

**11. Cllr Fletcher to contact with St James' school regarding climate change issues – this is in the pipeline – hoping to invite some children to speak to the Town Council.**

#### ONE CARBON WORLD REPORT

The report had been circulated for information. This year waste management had been added which equated to 95.17% of sources of CO2e by indirect emissions. As waste management is not ALL under the control of RVBC it appeared inappropriate to have been added. It was felt that a separate report without Waste Management would be helpful to get a better appreciation of the data.

#### PROPOSAL FROM LONGRIDGE ENVIRONMENT GROUP

A proposal had been received from LEG to install two water refill stations – one in Ribchester and one in Longridge – on the external wall of toilet blocks belonging to RVBC. They have found an installer and propose to enter rental contracts and may in due course after the original rental period need funding from RVBC of £413.40 pa in Ribchester and LTC in Longridge. The proposal was intended to reduce the use of single use plastics.

Members discussed the proposal and were concerned about possible vandalism and the need to make a cultural change to users of bottled water. It felt the money might be better spent. It was not supported by this group.

#### RIBBLE VALLEY CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

The Chair had attended one their meetings and they had requested to be part of the Climate Change working group.

The Chair informed them that he would suggest he attend their meetings rather than the other way round (and any other group that would like him to) He would give feedback to this meeting.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair reported that Health & Housing committee had agreed to purchase electric vehicles to replace both the Pest Control van and the Dog Warden van.

DCS reported that putting the necessary infrastructure for electric vehicles in at the depot would be revisited as part of looking at priorities in the capital programme.

He also reported that he had read recently of the 1<sup>st</sup> hydrogen powered refuse collection vehicle in the country (approx £1/2m)

Cllr Fletcher reported that one of the two RV fire engines would be electric in future.

#### ACTIONS

- 1. Chair to contact Sam Wrathall at Hanson Cement about a piece of land for tree planting.**

2. **Jaqui Houlker to ask One Carbon World for a separate report with Waste Management excluded and more detail on the other parts.**
3. **John Heap to inform LEG that their proposal was not supported by this group and would not be taken any further.**

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

**Wednesday 23 November 2022 at 4.30pm in the Level D meeting room (prior to A&A committee) of the Council Offices.**

The meeting closed at 3.50pm.