

**YORK ENVIRONMENT FORUM
MINUTES OF MEETING 11th.Dec.2018**

Present:

Philip Crowe	York Tomorrow
Penny Bainbridge	Edible York
Ron Healey	CPRE Nth.Yorks
Andy d'Agome	Green Party/individual member
June Tranmer	Healing Clinic/One Planet York
Graham Collett	Rail Future York, York Bus Forum
Barry Otley	Tremendous York
Tom Waring	St.Nicks
Rosie Baker	Green Party
John Cossham	"Extinction Rebellion" et al.
Caroline Lewis	Clean Air York
Richard Hearn	Clean Air York
Seb. O'Connor	University of Leeds

Chair Philip Crowe

1 WELCOME, APOLOGIES, MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Apologies: Carole Green, Cllr.Mary Cannon,Cllr.Denise Craghill, Dave Merrett, Dot Lawton, Elspeth Wrigley, Tom de Simone

2 minutes agreed.

Item 3- JT was concerned over the way the Fossgate issues had been handled, particularly regarding conformity with the "One Planet" principles and procedures to which CYC had signed up. CYC must adopt a better decision-making process, and this must include Highways if CYC is to maintain credibility vis-a- vis the public.

(late news - this comment could equally relate to the newly released drastic proposals for the Stonebow upgrade -PC)

3 "Extinction Rebellion" and the art of peaceful protest- John Cossham

JC argued that there were now many issues which required addressing with some urgency, notably climate change, the need to move to a zero-carbon economy, pressure on natural resources as a result of current consumption patterns, the rapid rise in global populations. The "Rising Up" movement is predicated on non-violent action to bring these issues before decision makers, and is already well established on the Continent and growing in the UK. It demands that the UK Government declare a climate change emergency, that it must drive for a zero-carbon economy by 2025, and recognise a "Citizens' Assembly", formed to debate these issues, recommend ways forward and hold Government to account. Direct action is needed if the power brokers are to move on this. It could include disruption of meetings or "sit-down" road protests. Marching with placards is simply not effective. It is when people are seriously inconvenienced that the message can start to get home, but this must always be non-violent. So far there seems little inclination on the part of CYC to take this movement and its messages seriously. 42,000 Facebook likes indicates that this is far from the public's view. This campaign brings into focus the issues which should also be of concern to the YEF, and organisers will be continuing with its programme over the next few months, so "watch this space!".

Members thanked JC for his enthusiastic presentation., some may even join in future demonstrations of "people power".

4 CLEAN AIR STRATEGY-W.H.O Directives as implemented by CYC. - Clean Air York

This item not discussed in detail - a CYC responsible officer was not available. It was pointed out that there were EU Directives dating from 1991 covering these issues. This is on the YEF agenda to discuss further

A.O.B.

none

NEXT MEETING

Date	Tues Jan.15th.2019
Venue	West Offices
Agenda	as tabled

IMPORTANT

Members should note that the **YEF AGM** will be held on Mar.12th.2019. Familiarity with the Constitution would be helpful. Further details in due course.

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