

**YORK ENVIRONMENT FORUM
MINUTES OF MEETING 9th.July 2019**

Present:

Philip Crowe	York Tomorrow
Penny Bainbridge	Edible York
Caroline Lewis	Clean Air York
Ron Healey	CPRE Nth.Yorks
Barry Otley	Treemendous York
Tom de Simone	York Community Energy
John Cossham	Extinction Rebellion etc.
Audrey Miller	Treemendous York
Andy d'Agorne	Green Party
Alison Sinclair	Cons.Area Advisory Panel
Dave Merrett	York & District TUC/individual member
Cllr.Tony Fisher	CYC
Rich Hearn	member

Chair Penny Bainbridge

1 WELCOME and Introductions

2 APOLOGIES :from Tom Waring, Mick Phythian,Cllr.Denise Craghill, Cllr.Martin Rowley, Mike Bonsall, John Bibby, Mary Cannon, Rose Hilton(Heslington PC), Phil Bixby, Elspeth Wrigley(RollittsLLP)

3 ASPECTS OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY-John Cossham

JC outlined the timeline covering the recognition of possible climate issues in 1824, followed by further data evaluation from 1896 onwards. It was not until 1965 that the greenhouse effect was noted as a problem. 2017 saw the recognition that ecological decline was now becoming evident, with an increasing number of species under threat, with many already extinct. 2018 saw the publication of a special IPCC(Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) report on the implication of increasing overall global temperatures, with a 1.5° c rise over baseline considered to be the maximum advisable. The need for resilience was evident, with a recognition that individual lifestyles, particularly material consumption patterns, would need to change radically. Local sourcing should be a priority, with a move away from the single use throwaway culture, with a sharp reduction in solar energy use where this requires rare earth mining for components. Farming methods which produce greenhouse gas emissions must be restricted, but this needs a change in demand. The effect of these proposals on third world economies could be severe. A drastic long term solution would be to reduce population growth. Are we running out of time for this to take effect? Probably yes.

Members thanked John for his thought-provoking exposition, no doubt to be updated in twelve months time.

4 YEF BUSINESS

a approval of minutes: agreed

b matters arising not on the agenda: BO noted that TREEMENDOUS had submitted details of the Northern Forest initiative and tree cover requirements to CYC to confirm the CYC commitment to the programme, to be embedded in policy.

c membership update : Rose Hilton was now the Heslington PC representative on the YEF.

d subgroup reports: DM tabled extensive minutes of the Transport Subgroup meeting on June 4th. Main items were (5) update on funding for public consultation: two bids by consultants had been received - funding streams still to be finalised.

(6) Briefing opportunities to submit transport priorities for consideration to the new Exec.Member for Transport and Deputy Leader Cllr. A.d'Agorne. (7) reported delay on York Central decision. (8) forthcoming meeting on Castle Gateway.(9) possible Local Plan delay due to housing site revisions .(10) Concerns over station frontage proposals. (11)Micklegate Bar closure problems-to revise current comments.(12) problems over pedestrian/cycle solutions to the resignalling programme. No public consultation over proposals. (12)difficulties over Terry Avenue closure during flood defence works.

BO reported on progress on the long-distance Rufforth-Knapton bridleway route. involving complex discussions with CYC, Yorwaste, the Parish Councils, adjoining farmers, funding organisations and tree suppliers and contractors. BO is project managing this scheme on behalf of TREEMENDOUS. Completion expected early 2020, with continuing involvement in the restoration of the landfill site.

e Further meetings:

Aug.13th. St.Nicks. outdoor informal
options to be considered

Sept.10th. housing (Cllr.Paula Widdowson with officers)?

Oct. 8th. climate emergency issues (Cllr.Chris Vassie)?

air quality update (Elizabeth.Bates CYC)?

the role of planning panels, new ward responsibilities (Alison Sinclair)?
on-line learning?

Nov.12th. trees and woodlands-latest CYC policies?

Dec./Jan. farming and the rural economy (CYC/NFU)?

f AOB : none

5 INFORMATION EXCHANGE

NEXT MEETING

Date Tues.Aug. 13th.2019

Venue St.Nicks. (contact Penny B for details)

Agenda informal

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