

**YORK ENVIRONMENT FORUM  
MINUTES OF MEETING 14th.June 2019**

**Present:**

Philip Crowe	York Tomorrow
Penny Bainbridge	Edible York
Caroline Lewis	Clean Air York
Phil Bixby	Constructive Individuals
Ron Healey	CPRE Nth.Yorks
Barry Otley	Treemendous York
Tom de Simone	York Community Energy
Mike Bonsall	Treligan
John Cossham	Extinction Rebellion etc.
Adrian Lovett	Good Food York
Graham Collett	member +York Bus Forum
Audrey Miller	Treemendous York
Cllr.Rosy Baker	CYC
Cllr.Martin Rowley	CYC
Cllr.Tony Fisher	CYC
Mary Cannon	member
Angela Blackwood	observer

**Chair Penny Bainbridge**

- 1 WELCOME TO ALL**-including new Council representatives
- 2 INTRODUCTIONS** : the new Council members were introduced.
- 3 APOLOGIES** : from Alison Sinclair, Tom Waring, June Tranmer, Mick Phythian, Dave Merrett, Cllr.Denise Craghill
- 4 SUSTAINABLE FOOD - Adrian Lovett**

**AL** emphasised the need for a sustainable food strategy, covering local sourcing,seasonal availability,healthy input, chemical and pesticide free, aiming for zero food waste. There were already 55 sustainable food cities in UK, with priority areas such as tackling food poverty,health and sustainable food provision. All should sign up to "The Good Food Charter"- good for people, good for the local economy, good for the planet. Local growers, producers and customers were the key to success. No more beans from Kenya please! The "Food Poverty Alliance" members were running "hunger holiday" schemes for disadvantaged families. The distribution of food poverty in York was difficult to assess and was very uneven across the city. There would be a York Citizens' Food Assembly on 8th.Nov. to raise the profile of these issues.

Cllr.TF was disappointed at the CYC failure to tackle foodwaste recycling. MB was developing a commercial waste collection solution trial, which should assess its practicality and cost-effectiveness. Much rejected food from commercial operations (restaurants, supermarkets) was perfectly safe to use, and to use the term"waste" in this context was not always appropriate.

Members thanked Adrian for his comprehensive overview, and looked forward to further updates.

**5 YEF BUSINESS**

**a approval of minutes:** Clean Air Day June 20th, otherwise agreed

**b matters arising not on the agenda:** none

**c membership update :** 24 paid-up members, 10 outstanding. Balance available £1068.87

**d subgroup reports:** DM reported (in absentia) on a well-attended CYC Exec. meeting to discuss transport issues. MB reported on his membership of the One Planet leadership group. BO reported on discussions with Andy Kerr (CYC) on Castle Gateway, emphasising landscape issues, importance of tree canopy cover and associated topics, confirmation of CYC support for the Northern Forest project and the response to the Minster Neighbourhood plan. PB proposed asking Cllr. Craghill to address members on CYC housing policy, and confirmed individual responses were needed to the revised Local Plan housing changes. Cllr. TF welcomed the decision to remove housing from the MoD sites at Strensall, following widespread concern.

**e August meeting-topics and/or speakers:** July meeting- JC on Climate Emergency?

**f AOB :** none

**6 INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

The Bus Forum would meet on June 18th.

A Citizens' Assembly was scheduled for June 21st. at York Explore

Edible York would be holding events on June 23rd. ([info@edibleyork.org.uk](mailto:info@edibleyork.org.uk))

St.Nicks' open event (BO and DU) Aug. 13th.

**NEXT MEETING**

Date	Tues. July 9th. 2019
Venue	West Offices
Agenda	as tabled

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