

Leek Town Council Climate Change Meeting
2PM, Tuesday 30th March, 2022
William Morris Room, the Foxlowe

Present: Cllrs Bill Cawley (chair), Lyn Swindlehurst, Matt Swindlehurst, Richard Benefer. Sharon Chauveau, Paul Chauveau, Mark Johnson.

Apologies: Cllrs Ben Emery, Sue Coleman

Minutes of previous meeting (February 16th) agreed.

Updates on Haregate Community Centre planting, Swifts of Leek, MCA Repair Café, and Plastic-Free Leek (no action required).

RB reported that information on more environmentally-sensitive gardening methods had been circulated to members of the Allotment Holders Association as per action agreed at previous meeting.

Covid Memorial Garden. BC outlined this idea. SC suggested Brough Park as a possible location. MS is seeing Gareth Knapper and will discuss. Sue Coleman and Friends of Brough Park could be brought into this.

Platinum Jubilee Wood. A wide ranging discussion on whether this might be located in and around the grounds of Pickwood Hall (including village green). SC and PC outlined history, current usage and location of various options.

Woodland Trust general public funding scheme opens April 4th but this may or may not be appropriate depending on a) size of project/land ownership/ level of public access. Other funding schemes are available but these typically have specific eligibility requirements.

It was agreed that PC would obtain information on previous management schemes/planting/management (including information from Staffordshire Wildlife Trust) so that the appropriate site and funding source could be decided on.

Bee Friendly Leek. BC Outlined ideas for obtaining funding under this scheme, including an option of a bee sculpture. He said a possible location was the garden of the Spout bar/Restaurant. The question of public access was brought up and other potential sites were mentioned, including Getliffe's Yard. BC will draft application.

SMDC presentation. It was agreed that as David Smith had not been able to make this meeting, it might be better to invite him, Gillian Wright (new climate change officer) and Cllr Porter to next full Town Council meeting.

Paul Barratt, Lecturer at Staffs University.
Agreed that BC would invite him to next climate
change meeting to discuss Carbon Literacy.