

Climate and Biodiversity Working Group - Minutes

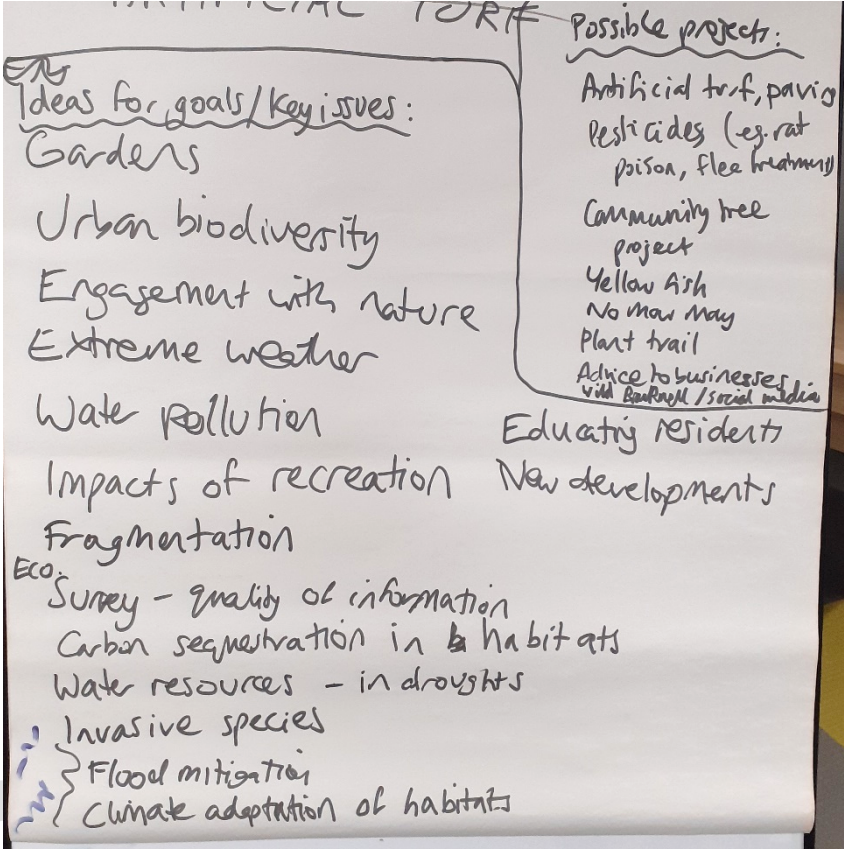
Date: 08/01/2024

Time: 2-4pm

Venue: Council Chamber, Time Square

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1.	<p>Attendance, apologies and introduction of new members</p> <p>Attendees agreed to photo being taken Welcomed new members/attendees: Adrian Haffegee, Purveen Hira, Lily O'Neill, Mary Temperton Attendees: Paul Adkins (lead coordinator) – Priestwood Environment Group Seb Wright – Bracknell Forest Council Climate Officer Rosie Lear (minutes) - Bracknell Forest Council Biodiversity Officer Adrian Haffegee - Bracknell Forest Council Councillor Sheila Collings – Warfield Environment Group Purveen Hira – Binfield Parish Council Amenity Officer Claire Wallen – Warfield Environment Group/Jealott's Hill Land Share Gill Cheetham – Bracknell Forest Natural History Society Barbara Polonara – Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust Mark Collings – Warfield Environment Group Mary Temperton - Bracknell Forest Council Leader of the Council Apologies: Ceri Rance – Binfield Parish Council Clerk Anna Rech – Binfield Environment Group Lily O'Neill – Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust Caroline Pragnell – Involve Kamay Toor – Bracknell Forest Council</p>
2.	<p>Previous meeting, minutes and follow up on any actions</p> <p>Action from previous meeting – to invite additional members/interested parties Action taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thames21 – already involved with Town & Parish Council group • Conservation Volunteers <p>Suggested additional:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jealotts Hill Landshare • Crown Estate • Follow up with Nature Partnership – Action for RL <p>Concerns raised about the overlap between working groups – MT will raise at upcoming JCAB meeting</p>
3.	<p>Feedback from previous JCAB and other recent meetings</p> <p><i>A slot for leads to update on outcomes from the most recent JCAB and any other meetings they or others have had since the last group meeting</i></p>

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4.	<p>Climate and Biodiversity Working Group Terms of Reference</p> <p>PA presented an initial draft.</p> <p>Frequency: Every 2 months agreed as appropriate for formal meetings, but with informal discussions in between and additional meetings called ad hoc if required.</p> <p>Chair leads: Paul and Sheila initially volunteered. They will continue for now. If they are not able to attend a JCAB meeting they will request someone to volunteer to go in their place as required.</p> <p>General objectives: Not changed from template</p> <p>Objectives for group: Paul had provided initial draft.</p> <p>Discussion regarding scope – local, global?</p> <p>Feed into JCAB is important – decided to keep in general objectives</p> <p>Discussion regarding climate change focus or whether biodiversity issues which aren't related to climate change can be included – decided to focus on climate change-related</p> <p>We want to encourage actions by others as well as our own projects – need to find a balance of this. So our own projects and providing advice, recommendations – point 3 could be reworded – PA to review and consider wording</p> <p>Suggest change of wording from “public”? Residents, individuals?</p> <p>Objectives for group membership:</p> <p>Suggested additions/discussion points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness of the group at events, on website etc • Encourage small changes • Listen and take feedback • Suggested to work under community organising principles • Subgroups may be able to reach out based on specific topics • Quorum – what is the minimum for the group to go ahead? Suggested to be 5. • Need to increase geographical representation ie. from the south of the borough.
5.	<p>Working Group leads</p> <p>Paul Adkins & Sheila Collings</p>
6.	<p>Working Group name</p> <p>Discussed options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate and Biodiversity Working Group • Biodiversity Climate Working Group • Biodiversity Working Group <p>To be decided.</p> <p>The JCAB will shorten the group name to Biodiversity.</p>
7.	<p>Working Group Structure</p>

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8.	<p>Goals for the Working Group</p> <p>Discussion around flip chart – ideas contributed for broad goals and more specific projects. See photo. All attendees to send further thoughts to PA as required. The ideas for goals need to be refined into a set of goals – PA to draft goals initially and share with group for further discussion.</p> 
9.	<p>Suggested Goals for the Joint Climate Action Board</p>
10.	<p>Current Working Group research and activities</p>
11.	<p>Proposed Working Group research and activities</p>
12.	<p>Equality, Diversity, Inclusion (EDI) and a Just Transition</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have all decisions taken today included due consideration of EDI, and the perspectives of all relevant groups? 2. Do any decisions taken today have the potential for negative or unfair effects on particular groups or areas? If so, how can we avoid or compensate for this? 3. Do any EDI issues need to be escalated to the JCAB? <p>You may find it helpful to consider the nine legally protected characteristics and tackling financial hardship in this context.</p>

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	Discussed online/in person/hybrid – plan is to do a mix. May need to hold some meetings outside working hours.
13.	Next meeting <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="422 427 724 461">1. Time and location<li data-bbox="422 461 1283 499">2. Any information to share or issues to raise with the JCAB
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