



# Battle Town Council



Minutes of the CLIMATE & ECOLOGY SUB-COMMITTEE  
held on MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 2pm

**Present:** Cllrs S Burton, V Cook, D Wheeler

**In attendance:** S Bannon (resident of Netherfield), L Bolton (Rother District Council Environment Strategy Officer), A Kerr (Wild about Battle), B Rieu (Deputy Clerk)

- 1. To record and receive apologies for absence** - D Wilson.
- 2. Disclosure of Interest** - None.
- 3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 were agreed with the following amendments:**
  - Item 7, paragraph 2 to: A Kerr agreed to share the Crowhurst C&E WG Clean Energy Project presentation
  - Item 7 last paragraph to: Cllr Burton agreed to produce a report on data that is already known regarding green spaces owned by Battle Town Council
  - Item 9 last paragraph to: a funding bid has been written, but not yet submitted.
- 4. Meeting protocol** - it was confirmed that only Councillors and members of this Committee may vote. It was agreed not to be bound by standing orders in order for all members to speak freely.
- 5. Deputy Clerk's report** – A dedicated Climate & Ecology page has been added to the BTC website. No Mow May is underway. **Optivo to be contacted to verify its participation.** All neighbouring parishes to BTC: Brightling, Mountfield, Whatlington, Sedlescombe, Crowhurst, Westfield, and Catsfield alongside RDC and ESCC were informed of BTC's commitment to No Mow May. RDC are participating in No Mow May.
- 6. Membership to C&E Sub Committee** – S Bannon expressed an interest in becoming a formal member of the Sub-Committee.
- 7. Battle Town Council's carbon footprint analysis** – It was agreed that **BTC will begin to make progress on the analysis**, working towards Scope 1 where data is readily available. It was acknowledged that to analyse to a Scope 2 level it would take a longer period of time to complete. Scope 3 level will highlight where BTC can influence change. **S Bannon** offered to help with this report. **The carbon footprint analysis is to be added to the C&E SC action plan.**
- 8. Battle Civil Parish Carbon Footprint Change Target Report** – (attached) Before the next meeting, **all members** agreed to complete the re-formatted document in order for **Cllrs Burton and Wheeler** to review.
- 9. Battle Town Council Green Spaces Report** – (attached) The next step in the development of the Green Spaces Report is to include the **approximate sizes of green spaces** within the BTC estate. L Bolton to show S Bannon how to do this. **The Neighbourhood Plan is also to be reviewed** in conjunction with the Green Spaces Report with particular reference to Tree Protection Orders. **S Bannon to complete this. Deputy Clerk** to supply the latest tree risk assessment / survey that has been undertaken by BTC grounds maintenance staff with a view to adding it to the Green Spaces Report.



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**10. Action Plan** – (attached) **All members** to familiarise themselves with the C&E action plan, in order to enable movement of items from the C&E Action plan to the Standing Committees action plans once formed under the new Council.

**11. Matters for information / future agenda items**

- ESCC are to launch 'Dial-a-Ride' a fleet of minibuses that cover routes that other buses don't.
- A Kerr and A Koop presentation of Crowhurst C&E WG Clean Energy Presentations.
- V Cook Presentation of Eco Youth Award initiative

**12. Date of next meeting: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm in The Almonry.**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 15:20

Cllr S Burton  
Chairman