



Kinver Climate Action Group

Minutes of the Meeting on 24 August 2023

Present:

Steve Anderson, Steph Dufty, Lindsey Davis, Dalbero Kaur, Eunice Lord, Kate Byford, Pete Barber, Lorraine Abbas, Phil Jones.

Apologies from Kath Tunnicliffe, Crag Clarke, Dan Howard, Christine Allen, Sally Harris.

1. Minutes of meeting 20 July

The minutes were passed as a true record of the meeting.

2. Matters arising from the minutes

The chairman noted that Ed Conduit has left the group. He expressed thanks for Ed's contribution to the group during recent months, and noted that the door would remain open. All other matters are covered in items below.

3. Eco Energy Fair 1 Oct

The Plan is nearing completion, and content/contributor range of stalls and talks were approved.

Manning of the event: We need people on our stall (aim for 2 at a time); to chair and manage the talks (1-2); to greet and gather details and feedback (2). So far SA, EL, PB, LA, TA, SD+1, SH, LD and CC have committed. KT will be manning her stall. We need some more to allow breaks, for setup/ set down; and it would be good to have people with 'case studies' of retrofit, solar etc they have installed.

Action: ALL: let us know if you haven't yet; and recruit additional help

Freebies: It was suggested that we should seek freebies from contributors. Possibly give cotton bags with KCAG logo to the first people to arrive.

Action: EL/SA/CA sort freebies

Publicity: The logo and 'it takes a village' motto designed by Gemma Wall for the event were well received and approved. We will use these designs going forward. It was agreed that Gemma will develop publicity based on these designs.

Funding: We are grateful to Fibre Heroes for agreeing to fund room hire and social media publicity.

Metrics: We need to count footfall, and collect feedback (post-it slips? Ask is there an action they have decided to take as a result of the Fair?)

KCAG stall: Agreed this should display our current projects; show Kinver carbon footprint and highlight types of actions to reduce; use the Brindley Heath posters at entry or exit.

4. Community Buildings

Senior Citizens energy audit: SA reported from the Senior Citizens recent meeting, that they were keen to implement the measures in the report. They were investigating a remote control for the heating system, which would save energy by ensuring the heat was only on when needed. They hoped to put in LED lights and upgrade the loft insulation. A bid for support from the County Climate Fund has been submitted which would cover some of the costs.

5. Outreach

Website: Lindsey requested help/support with:

- Providing weekly update posts (events, news. Topical tips)
- Extending content, including links to useful info /local info
- Descriptions of our Projects, and updates as we progress
- Build a bank of imagery, including local

Action: LD/KB and others: work on content and updating

Market: 30 September market will focus on promoting the Eco Energy Day.

Action: EL, LD, possibly SA to man market using Energy Day content

6. Parish Council Carbon Tracker

Work with the Carbon Tracker indicates that the Parish Council operations had a carbon footprint of about 7.25 tonnes CO₂e in 2021/2 (Energy and fuel). Changing to an electric van and to a green electricity tariff was estimated to have more than halved the calculated footprint. The Energy Audit has also prompted changes to the heating regime to more closely match the times when spaces are occupied. The bonus is that these changes have also reduced energy bills.

8. AOB

SD reported that having bought an EV, they were finding that using the Octopus EV tariff and a charging app to take advantage of off-peak tariffs resulted in very low costs per mile. They agreed to write up a short 'case study'.

9. Date of next meetings

The next meetings will be at 7pm on Thursdays **21 September, 26 October**, at the Con Club, Kinver High Street