



Collaborative Working Group

Between Frodsham Town Council, Climate Action Frodsham & Residents

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Minutes: General Meeting 26th August 2022

1. Attendance register

Present

- Lucy Sumner, Patrick Eakin, Chris Cleaver

2. Aim of the meeting

- Set out timescales and goals to move project forwards

3. Kendal Town Council Climate Citizen's Jury

- Good example of a climate emergency working group in operation
- 20 residents on the jury
- Would be good practice to open this working group to further public participation
- <https://www.kendalclimatejury.org>

4. What the council already does

- Land management of FTC assets
- Research best practice land management in relation to biodiversity and carbon capture
- Cheshire Wildlife Trust and Chester Zoo possible places to start
- What should be done with grass cuttings?
- No mow areas cut once at the end of the year, gets the right balance
- Office activities such as recycling and energy
- Tree panting in the community centre field, around the edge so as not to impose on central use.
- Previous trees were cut down by contractor who was unaware of existence
- What happens to food waste collections at CWAC?

5. The influence the council can have on others

- A newsletter, could be made available in shops instead of Royal Mail delivery
- Get a statement in the CWAC climate emergency newsletter that FTC have declared a climate emergency and set up a working party
- Promote the group on local social media pages, encourage residents to get involved

6. Future Projects: Refill Scheme

- Take application forms for the refill scheme to businesses,
- Stickers for the window
- Costa and Whitmore & White are current participants
- Can post applications in bulk, promote scheme on social media
- <https://www.refill.org.uk/>

7. Future Projects: Moss filtration to clean pollution hotspots

- Mosses are the oldest land plants on earth and capable of amazing things. They bind fine dust, are antiseptic, antiviral and fungicidal; real all-rounders for air pollution control and health.
- CLIMATE SAVER & FINE DUST GLUTTON: Specialised mosses bind and metabolise particles and gases that are harmful to the climate and health, such as soot, CO2 or PAHs. The majority of the elements are metabolised directly or indirectly biodegraded by microorganisms and then converted into harmless biomass.
- WATER STORAGE WITH COOLING POTENTIAL: Mosses are small sponges and can store enormous amounts of moisture. This makes them an ideal component in rainwater management. The water not only serves the vitality of the moss, but also cools the surrounding air noticeably through natural evaporation.
- Suppliers documentation: <https://greencitysolutions.de/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2022-Nature-knows-best-This-is-the-CityTree.pdf>
- Example of scheme in use by Hereford Council: <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/mossfilters>

8. Future Projects: Marl Pits & Marshlands

- Aim to increase biodiversity
- Incorporate carbon sink
- Nature trail for children, potentially in partnership with Chester Zoo.
- Use land registry to find out about landownership connecting to Marshlands, potential for extended wildlife area.
- Tree audit has been carried out at Marshlands by Frodsham Tree Solutions, would be wise to do the same at Marl Pits. Japanese knotweed has been identified to be removed before any work is carried out.
- Also identify any vacant CWAC land
- Any trees removed need to be replaced adequately.

9. Future Projects: Community Orchards

- Potential for Francis road
- Make contact with the Orchard Network <https://www.orchardnetwork.org.uk/north-west-england>
- Land should be around the size of a tennis court as a minimum

10. Future Projects: Community Field Tree Planting Day

- Draw up a plan of proposed planting areas
- Possible volunteer day with the Woodland Trust to aid planting
- Involve community groups such as the Good Shed, The Frombles and Junior Councillors

11. Future Projects: Climate Emergency Development Fund

- Need to acquire ball park figures for projects
- FTC budgeting to be carried out by committees no later than December
- Chair can authorise up to £1,000 as per financial regulations

12. Marketing & Printed Leaflet

- Consider ideas for content
- Sponsorship from green minded businesses?

13. Actions

Action	By who	Timescale	Status
Best Practice Advice - Biodiversity & Carbon Sink <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NALC • Cheshire Wildlife Trust • Chester Zoo • Will Pearson at CWAC • Woodland Trust 	Unassigned task	ASAP	Ongoing
Office Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling • Energy 	FTC Councillors	ASAP	Ongoing
Community Action Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refil scheme, visit businesses • Visit to community field to identify locations for tree planting 	Lucy & Patrick	ASAP	Ongoing
Moss Filtration System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact provider for quote 	Lucy	ASAP	Ongoing
Marl Pits & Marshlands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Frodsham Tree Solutions for tree audit at Marl Pits • Contact Chester Zoo about possible partnership • Land registry search of land ownership 	Unassigned task	ASAP	Ongoing
Community Orchards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make contact with the Orchard Network • https://www.orchardnetwork.org.uk/north-west-england 	Unassigned task	ASAP	Ongoing
Tree Planting Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make contact with the Woodland Trust 	Unassigned task	ASAP	Ongoing
Marketing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider content for newsletter and distribution method • Advertise group on social media 	Unassigned task	ASAP	Ongoing
Climate Emergency Development Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify ballpark figures for projects 	Unassigned task	!!! High priority	Ongoing

14. Dates

- **Identify a date:** Next meeting
- **Mon 14th Nov:** Present proposals to the amenities committee meeting
- **Mon 28th Nov:** Approval at full council meeting
- **Mon 12th Dec:** Last amenities committee before budgeting final deadline