

# Chigwell Climate Action Working Group

Tuesday 22nd June 2021, 6-7pm, via Zoom

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'The purpose of the Working Group is to help Chigwell combat the twin emergencies of climate change and biodiversity loss, and specifically to help Chigwell reach its stated carbon emissions target of Net Zero by 2030.'

## Minutes - FINAL

Present: Erika Skingsley, Chris Lord, Alice Melvin, #Cllr Lisa Morgan, #Richard Coates  
Apologies: Cllr Rochelle Hodds, Cllr Alan Lion, Cllr Lee Scott

*Minutes in italics; action points in bold.*

### 1. Welcomes

- a. *We noted that with only Lisa present, we weren't quorate: decisions below are provisional.*

### 2. Review of membership:

- a. Current (9):  
Chris Lord (chair), Rochelle Hodds, Lisa Morgan, Erika Skingsley, Naveed Akhtar, Alan Lion, Alice Melvin, Richard Coates, (Lee Scott)
- b. Leads being pursued:
  - i. Chris: EF Youth Cllr (speaking to the YC this Thursday), Limes Farm Synagogue (*pending*)  
Lisa: CRA (*pending*), Limes Farm residents (*pending*), Grange Hill businesses (*Lisa to see Michelle*)  
Rochelle: The Bowls residents, Paula (St Winifred's)  
Others: Chigwell Row WhatsApp, Hindu temple

Our Terms of Reference specify 10 as our maximum, but we can change these if we wish.

### 3. Updates - news from other groups:

- a. **Chigwell full council** and other committees
  - i. Web page on the CPC site (Lisa; done✓)

- ii. Email address, which we can use to set up social media accounts (*Chris; pending*)
- iii. *Community Assets Committee (Lisa)*
  - 1. *New bench in Limes Farm: recycled options being investigated*
  - 2. *The PC is using more local services / suppliers to reduce footprint*
  - 3. *Paddocks field: pending sourcing of donkey & shetland ponies*
- b. **Essex Climate Action Commission**: launching their first yearly report at 4pm on 20th July ('which will contain a full list of our recommendations to be put forward to Essex'); please email [climate.commission@essex.gov.uk](mailto:climate.commission@essex.gov.uk) to register

Chris has registered, but it would be great if lots of us were there

- c. **Essex Is Green Changemakers Facebook group** is holding an online coffee meeting on Friday 25 June, from 12:30-1:15pm ('The topic of this month's meeting is loosely about member thoughts and group activities to mark the upcoming COP26 climate conference, but there will still be plenty of opportunity to discuss community groups and put forward any questions you may have to the group')

Is anyone on FB able to go to this?

- 4. For discussion / agreement - our main business:
  - a. The text we agreed which describes us and our work is [here](#)
  - b. At our last meeting we agreed to do two things:
    - i. Consult experts to see how we can both measure our carbon footprint and reduce it
      - 1. ACTION: Alice (our new member) is preparing resources and materials to help us do this, and I hope will be able to share these in advance of our July meeting, so at that meeting we will be able to take some concrete steps towards our goals.  
***Chris to send round the Holme Valley data & 'A councillor's workbook on acting on climate change'***  
***Alice to draft what data we need from councils; Chris will then request this***  
***Alice (with others) to draft proposals for Year One, to be sent round a week or so before our July meeting***
      - 2. In the meantime, we can all be learning about what our advice is likely to be. The three main headings are, I think:

- a. Energy - switching to green suppliers, investigating solar and wind generation in Chigwell, sharing information on heat pumps and other technologies, advising on how to stay comfortable with the heating turned down a notch.
  - b. Transport - encouraging walking and cycling for short journeys, campaigning to make this safer and more pleasant/convenient, improving public transport, focusing perhaps on the school run - kids walking/cycling, car-sharing, schools taking the lead. Providing information about the problems of aviation, including working with the travel agents on Brook Parade on alternatives to flying.
  - c. Food - the more our diets are plant-based the better, so public information, encouraging food outlets and shops to stock a better range of vegan food, working with schools and other mass caterers to reduce animal products in their food. Packaging too is a massive source of emissions - we need more refill stations for food as well as bathroom products. Air miles too - sourcing locally.
  - d. Building work - embedded emissions in concrete and other materials. New information hasn't yet got round the industry. Perhaps this can only be advisory until regulations change?
  - e. Investments - are we putting money into e.g. fossil-fuel exploration? Currently with Barclay's, we think.
- ii. 'Lobby up' - to try and ensure that the climate & ecological emergencies are central to the operation of the whole parish council, as well as EFDC and Essex
1. ACTION: Our councillor members (and Chris when he can attend) will scrutinise council business to make sure the emergencies are central to any decision.
  2. ACTION: Epping Forest Climate Action are monitoring Loughton Town Council, who have tabled a motion to declare a climate emergency. If this passes, then emergencies will have been declared by Chigwell, Buckhurst Hill, Loughton and Epping Parish/Town councils, as well as the District.

Our work will be so much easier if we work together with these councils, so I suggest talking to Frances Edmonds (the District Climate Change officer) and Nigel Bedford (who I think is the

District Climate Change portfolio holder - but the EFDC website isn't letting me check) about setting up a group representing these councils (and others as they pass similar motions).

*Agreed: Chris to pursue.*

3. ACTION: Chigwell Parish Council cannot achieve its goals without massive buy-in from residents, organisations and businesses in Chigwell. To achieve this we will need a massive public information campaign. After July's meeting we will know the content of this, but for now we can discuss the forms this will take. Ideas:
  - a. Encouraging organisations, religious groups and businesses in Chigwell to take the three steps: 1) declare for themselves the emergencies, 2) set up ways of getting to Net Zero by 2030, and 3) lobbying up
  - b. Web pages - Chris has asked Anthony/Celina for space
  - c. Leafleting of flyers/newsletters; door-knocking
  - d. Posters - in shop windows, on council noticeboards & billboards
  - e. Articles & letters in the local paper; posts to local social media
  - f. Discord (Erika) - for public consultations / advice / questions; private channels too
  
5. Next meeting: July (then bimonthly from September): ***Chris to do a doodle poll***