

ChalCAN CG Meeting Tuesday 7th February at 7.30pm at The Parish Centre.

Present: Jim Bocock (JB) (Chair), Hilary Burgess (HB) Liam Nolan (LN) Andy Williams (AW) David Wood (DW)

Kate Arnold - Administrator

Apologies: Liz Baldwin (LB) Katherine Dalton (KD) Grace O'Donovan G'OD)

- 1) Minutes of last meeting/actions arising KA needs group leads to provide the names of their 'active' supporters so that mailing lists can be updated. LN provided supporters' details during the meeting. A Calendar of events is still to be produced, details of up-coming events need to be given to the administrator to collate. **Action: Group Leads/KA.** AW has returned 4 postie mates, the other 4 will be returned asap. KA has contacted FYC and Bussage Primary School to see if/how ChalCAN can work with them. HB to follow up with Thomas Keble School. LB contacted Cllr Chloe Turner about the BBB fund.
- 2) Energy plans/update – Andy Williams provided an update. Dave Judd is carrying out the insulation surveys. To date 19 have been completed and written up, there are 9 more to carry out and another 3 to follow up with the thermal camera. The most common advice being given following an energy survey is about roof insulation. Most roofs having a depth of insulation of around 100 cm instead of the recommended 270 cm. It was agreed to share this information on the ChalCAN FB page. **Action: HB.** The solar farm is still ongoing, a meeting is being held soon about this, so more information to follow.
- 3) Biodiversity plans/update - 300 trees will soon be planted at Chalford Hill Primary School and in the school field next to CCSC. Five trees will be planted in Bussage Pleasure Ground. 'Nature Street' is being taken forward, this will involve working with the new residents of Sycamore Grove, Middle Hill. Advice will be given to help them develop their gardens. On-going support with making and installing bird and bat boxes with Friends of Frith Wood. An event will be held every month. In March there is a pond workshop which is being held at Eastcombe Village Hall.
- 4) Transport plans/update - KD was unable to attend so an update was circulated prior to the meeting (attached). KA updated the CG regarding the cuts/loss to bus service 67. The PC discussed this at full council last week, it was decided to ask Stagecoach if they could delay the changes by three months so that we can work together to find a satisfactory result for all. A meeting with Stagecoach, GCC, District and County Cllrs is being arranged. KD is unable to attend, HB will attend if possible. **Action: KA to confirm date/time.** Cllr Samaroo had agreed to meet with Hb to look at the possibility of bike racks within the pleasure grounds. HB confirmed that sufficient locations had been agreed and a meeting was no longer needed at this time. **Action: KA to advise Cllr Samaroo.**
- 5) Food & Waste Group Re-Launch update – This has been advertised in the newsletters, on both the ChalCAN and PC FB pages. The residents that were interested in starting the community composting previously have been contacted, along with a few other residents

who have also shown an interest. We now have five people who are keen to find out more about what is involved. It was agreed to set up a meeting with the residents to discuss in more detail. HB and JB volunteered to meet. **Action: KA, HB, JB to arrange a day/time/venue to meet.**

- 6) Improve Communications between ChalCAN and PC - The PC and ChalCAN need to work closely to save any potential duplication of work. It is therefore important for ChalCAN and the PC to be kept abreast of upcoming ideas/projects so that where possible/appropriate we can work together. It was agreed for the PC works committee minutes to be shared with the CG and for CG minutes to be shared with the Clerk. **Action: KA**

- 7) Liaison with Schools update - Chalford Hill Primary School; a date has been set for the 17th February when HB and JB will attend the school at pick-up time in the afternoon, engaging with parents to discuss parking and congestion problems. Leaflets have been printed and will be handed out to parents. Bussage School have been contacted to see if/how we can support and work with them. The aim is to offer to give talks to the children, offer growing advice, planting trees with them, or support with parking problems/traffic congestion. We haven't received a response to date. **Action: KA to chase.** Thomas Keble School; No response to the letter which was sent via BisCAN. **Action: HB to chase.** KA has a contact at TK and will make contact to see if the Citizenship students would like to work with ChalCAN as part of their GCSE. **Action: KA to contact the Head of Citizenship.** Frith Youth Centre would love help/support from ChalCAN, in any way possible, ie growing advice, planting and particularly advice with regard to the FYC building being extremely cold. LN and AW agreed to contact the FYC Administrator to arrange an energy survey once KA had provided them with contact details. **Action: KA, LN, AW.**

- 8) Big Green Week Planning – Big Green Week is being held from the 10th to 18th June 2023. Ideas are needed as to what activities can be held. It was agreed to give this some further consideration and discuss again at the March meeting. Each gup to decide what they would like to do. **Action: Everyone. KA to add to March agenda.**

- 9) Finance/update – LB was unable to attend, but had circulated a finance update prior to the meeting (attached). LB had contacted County Cllr Chloe Turner about part funding the cycle racks and that is OK. However, we need to record what is being installed and when in each case and what ChalCANs contribution is. LB suggested two options for discussion.
 1. Request an invoice and pay it in anticipation of the project proceeding then reclaim if the project doesn't go ahead
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 2. Give a firm commitment that we will contribute an agreed amount then request invoice and make payment once the project is secure.

Following a discussion, option 2 was agreed. The CG group agreed that no payment should be made until we are clear the project as a whole can be funded. We must make it clear that if the project did not proceed the funds would have to be repaid. A request for an invoice will be made at each site where we have reached agreement.

AOB/Date of next meeting.

The CAN Forum meeting is being held on the 20th February. HB will attend.

KA provided an update from the PC.

A 'walks' page is being created on the PC website, which will include details of the ChalCAN community walks and Biodiversity Trail.

Water Transfer Action Needed – The PC discussed this at full council last week. The Council were divided and therefore decided to take no action.

Neighbourhood Development Plan: Cllrs Lee, Trinder, Morris-Wyatt and the Asst Clerk met with Simon Maher, Senior Neighbourhood Planning Officer at SDC to discuss the possibility of producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Chalford. In brief;

- A housing needs survey is not required.
- Our Design Statement forms a good base for the production of a NDP.
- A NDP carries more weight than a Design Statement in the hierarchy of documents referred to by SDC.
- The PC would receive 25% instead of 15% in CIL payments.
- The advice is to wait until Stroud's Local Plan has been examined/adopted (which should be later this year) to ensure it is consistent with SDC's policies.
- There were no negatives other than time and cost, and a grant could cover approximately half of the anticipated cost.

When the PC are in a position to fully consider this, they will meet with ChalCAN to discuss.

Date of the next meeting is Tuesday 7th March at 7.30pm.