



Brimscombe & Thrupp
Climate Action Network

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Umbrella group meeting 1 – 28/07/2020

Including Meeting 2 – 18/08/2020 additions in blue

Notes

Location: Zoom

Chair: Isa Clee Meeting 1

Alexandra Lloyd-Jones Meeting 2

1. Attending: Isa Clee (IC), Martin Whiteside (MW), Alexandra Lloyd-Jones (ALJ) Jo Woolfall (JW), Dave Judd (DJ), William Reddaway (WR), Graham Russell (GR).

This was the full compliment of volunteers – no apologies necessary.

Meeting 2: IC, ALJ, JW, DJ apologies MW, WR, GR

2. Introductions, personal interests and ambitions:

- ALJ – Particularly interested in supporting the composting scheme and how to make A419 safer.
- WR – Interested in assisting in making things happen. Particularly interested in ways of measuring successful carbon reduction.
- JW – Likes being hands on and getting things done. Particularly interested in investigating water security in the future. Wants to be able to include learning opportunities for children, whole families and wider community.
- DJ – Energy efficiency expert, currently doing work with senior planning officer on how to heat and power old buildings. Interested in food growing / compost / security / wellbeing / rewilding / regenerative farming. Aware that communities need to be adaptive.
- MW – District councillor for Brimscombe and Thrupp since 2002. Acts as a link between Parish and District. Interested in encouraging and empowering more of the community as well as linking with other CAN's
- GR – Lived in Brimscombe for 18 years. Interested in bringing people together. Has been part of setting up Charlie Gardens in Brimscombe. It's now a community asset with an orchard and pigs – set up as a community interest company.

- IC – Lived in Thrupp for 18 years. Interested in positive action to reduce carbon, create resilience and support the community as much as possible. Would like to schedule a community showing of the film 2040. Happy to produce posters and graphics when needed.

3 + 4. Discussion on structure of umbrella group + possible key areas for initial BATCAN projects:

Items 3+4 on the agenda became part of an overarching discussion on how we would like to operate and which projects would be most useful and achievable in the short term. Key inputs and suggestions were:

- ALJ suggested we create headings under which projects can take place, ie, biodiversity, energy, transport and food & waste. (This is a model used by the Chalford CAN)
- Acknowledgement that a lot of work has been done already by Transition Stroud and the Brimscombe and Thrupp Local Neighbourhood Plan. Perhaps there's room for supporting Greg Pilly to complete this.
- ALJ has offered to help the Community Composting team create a formal business plan. The group managing this project have already completed much of the groundwork for this. The council gave funds for the Chalford composting scheme start-up. There may be scope for applying for some funding for B+T scheme.
- Suggestion put forward that a local recycling scheme for things the Council doesn't yet collect could be tied in with the composting scheme. We are all aware that much work has been done on the Community Composting scheme already and we don't want to undermine or tread on toes.
[Additional recycling could be considered by BATCOM but not yet](#)
- Tim Harris manages the new BAT Parish Council website. They are happy for BATCAN to have a dedicated page. DJ offered to be the link between BATCAN and Tim. [Please note below, answer basically yes](#)
- WR mentioned his daughter has been looking at places that recycle different materials. Suggested someone could create a database so all the different recycling companies could be found in one place.
- There was agreement that it would be good to create strong connections with other CAN's in the area – to share ideas and support.
[The Nailsworth Popcast has great interview with Chair of Nailsworth CAN, they have many attainable projects](#)
- DJ and GR agreed to the possibility of being co-opted onto Parish Council to act as a bridge between them and BATCAN. Possibility of BATCAN forming a sub-group of the Parish Council.
- JW suggested becoming a formally constituted group could help with funding opportunities.
- IC suggested setting up a viewing of the film '2040' with Q+A session. DJ took part in the XR showing and said it was successful. Perhaps it could take place on Zoom and/or a live outdoor event.

- WR and DJ interested in local energy production. We discussed investigating the Solar Streets scheme. MW is interested in exploring having a community owned wind turbine up on the hill at some point in the future. DJ talked about how to retrofit listed buildings. ALJ has contact in this area who might be useful to talk to. MW mentioned Port Mill and Ebley Mill who have received funding for new water source heat pumps.
- The tyranny of the A419 was a big discussion point. There was agreement that it's a blight and physically splits the community. MW said the Parish Council funded a visioning study which plans how it can be improved. Perhaps this is something BATCAN can help support and promote. This is an area that will need to be discussed further.

[For those of you have received this, it is truly an Inspiration please see notes below](#)

- The Government has announced funding for a bike mending scheme which would be beneficial in B+T.
- The Bus Stop improvement project run by the Parish Council is being launched on September 5th with a cycling event. There could be scope for promoting BATCAN at that event – maybe a stall/display to encourage more volunteers and projects.
- ALJ interested in what's happening with the Ham Mill development. Has the planning permission expired?
- After the meeting JW sent a message suggesting we could set up a WhatsApp or Slack group to keep communication simple.
- JW is also interested in creating working groups relating to communications/messaging, outreach/wider engagement etc.
- JW interested in something around water restoration/regeneration.

IMMEDIATE FURTHER ACTIONS:

- DG and GR to look into being co-opted into Parish Council. MW to speak to Collette Cuddihy about this. (Parish Council Chair)
[Next PC 8th September DJ to find out how to be Cooped and also for Graham](#)
- ALJ to support existing Community Composting scheme

Report for BATCAN on Compost group meeting 2nd August.

[A meeting of the Composting Group was held at my house on the evening 2nd August 20.](#)

Summary

A) They have got quite far but no real action had taken place since February. They seem to have everything in place for a Business Plan just short of a few costings, so are back moving on this.

B) They would be pleased to come under BATCAN aegis.

C) Confirmed a name BATCOM

D) Could do with a logo?

E) Yes please can they have a web page for BATCOM on the new Parish website

F) Would like to know whether the area which is currently used for parking and has a shipping container standing in it (Hope Mill Lane LHS from London Road), would be available for the Compost Site. If so what would be the process for applying for it.

G) Current concern no safe way to cross London Road at this point? Would there be a possibility of a zebra or similar crossing before any major corridor re vamp?

H) It was believed that the Parish or Green Party were going to do a local survey on which a question about compositing was going to be allowed? A bit vague about this so does anyone know anything more.

I) I brought up whether the site also could be used for recycling, like Teracycle, they liked the idea, but felt this may be an idea further down the line.

J) Hopefully they are going to consult with Will Mansel of Grace Networks over form of constitution, as there is an idea to offer training work opportunities as well as volunteering to run the site.

Alexandra LLOYD-Jones 3rd August 20

Additional note Yes they would like Info Page on PC website and a workspace in SLAK

IC to set up '2040' film event on Zoom and/or outdoor screening.

On going but thinks this will be online

- WR and DJ to investigate Solar Streets

On going

- MW and IC to look into BACAN presence at Bus Stop cycle event. Andrew and Gisela have also expressed interest in this.

- DJ to contact other CAN groups in the area to network and support.

On going

- MW to look into current status of Ham Mill development.

- JW to create Whatsap Group and SLAK workspace

- Isa and Alexandra to share chairing the Zoom meetings

- Tim Harris has said yes to a Page on the PC website, reminding us it is of info only ALLJ has his details. He requests content and pictures.

5. Potential Future Projects:

- A419 improvements

In view of the Golden Valley Inspiration Study, we would like to request of the PC if some of the suggests could be implemented as soon as possible.

1 the making of Thrupp Lane , part Bourne Lane , part Brimscombe Hill, Bagpath Lane into a Quiet Lanes.

2 extending the 30mph from Chalford from the roundabout to Stroud where it starts at Bowbridge.

3 could we call on Eva Ward (Gloucester County Councillor)to lobby for this and ask the police (Dave Hawker) to set up the speed tester subject speed indicator signs being put up

4 Make more zebra/or other crossing along A419

Much of the above would address the current deep concerns over the road safety in the Parish.

- Local energy production
- Local water security
JW looking into this, and would like people to look for good pond sites and identify springs
- Local food security
- Community learning opportunities
- Community resilience
- Community Recycling

6. Next meeting:

To be a General Meeting 15th September 2020 6pm-7pm

IC to send these updated minutes to all interested parties and chair the next meeting. IC holding general interest data and will bcc.

This is currently set to take place on Zoom, but there could be scope for a face to face meeting if we felt it was appropriate in the further.