**Sustainable Development Topic Group meeting: 17.00 on 8th February 2021 - notes**

Attending: Nick Murry, Richard Ecclestone, Myla Watts, Adam Walton, Margaret Willmot, Margaret Green, Julian Jones, Shirley McCarthy, Andrew Nicholson, Bill Jarvis, Melanie Boyle, Mel Moden, Maureen Lawrence, Sophy Fearley-Whittingstall, Charmian Spickernell, Graham Martin, Nicola Lipscombe, Louise Weissel, Sue Deedigan, Christian Lange

(Recap) Topic Group objectives: To campaign for sustainable plans, policies, strategies, investments (via challenge and support) (premise: need carbon neutrality built in now to achieve net zero). Current focus: Wiltshire Local Plan consultation.

**Summary**:

To approach to Wiltshire Council's Local Plan consultation as follows:

1. WCA **Climate Impact** Report Card on the Local Plan Review (based on Client Earth letter plus Wiltshire Council’s own stated criteria (e.g. in climate its change paper)) (RE lead)
2. WCA **Ecological Impact** Report Card on the Local Plan Review (based on the Dasgupta Review: Final Report of the Independent Review on the Economics of Biodiversity led by Professor Sir Partha Dasgupta. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/final-report-the-economics-of-biodiversity-the-dasgupta-review> plus Wiltshire Council’s own stated criteria) (Lead TBC. Support from: WC, Clare Gwilliam & Les Lipscombe
3. Response on **Emerging Spatial Strategy** (RE lead)
4. Responses to **Climate Change and Biodiversity questions** (NM lead)
5. Response to **Transport aspects** (Sue (?) plus AN)
6. Response to the ‘Sustainability Appraisal’ (RE lead? NM/ other support)
7. Responses on **individual towns and parishes plans** from climate/ ecological perspective– please let NM know which town/ parish plan you are responding to
8. List of points to send as a **WCA communication to towns and parishes** (to support their responses) (GM lead)
9. WC **flawed consultation**/ failure to comply with Equality Act – Louise Weissel to compile evidence/ draft WCA response on this aspect which effects the public’s ability to stand up for the climate. Please send examples of problems logging into consultation sessions, not getting questions answered, difficulties finding/  understanding consultation documents.

**Actions:**

Those who volunteered -  to work on the documents above.

Those who aren't listed but volunteered - let NM know (it was difficult to note all the volunteers).

Those who are neither listed or volunteered but want to help - let NM know. Thanks!

**Previous actions update:**

* Richard to prepare key points for Emerging Spatial Strategy (use CETG recommendations plus CSE and TCPA material) (done)
* Nick and Myla to prepare key points on Chippenham plan (on-going)
* Margaret to prepare key points on Salisbury plan (on-going)
* Shirley to prepare list of key contacts to support our response (Client Earth, CSE, TCPA, etc.)
* Nick to share Client Earth letter and response (done)
* Andrew to develop transport element of LP consultation response (via Transport TG) (on-going)
* All - contact local Civic Society and encourage response to Local Plan  (post blog/ blog on climate/ environmental impact of local plan) (please update NM)
* Nick to attach his Chippenham Civic Society article (done)
* Nick to reach out to Sam Hunter-Jones at Client Earth (done)

**Useful links:**

CSE's report on how Bristol could reach net zero by 2030 (thanks Shirley): <https://www.cse.org.uk/downloads/reports-and-publications/policy/insulation-and-heating/energy-justice/renewables/behaviour-change/building-performance/Bristol_net_zero_by_2030_>[study\_CSE\_26\_Feb\_2020.pdf](https://www.cse.org.uk/downloads/reports-and-publications/policy/insulation-and-heating/energy-justice/renewables/behaviour-change/building-performance/Bristol_net_zero_by_2030_study_CSE_26_Feb_2020.pdf)

Also see last meeting's limks and attachements (I can send again on request).

**Date of next meeting – 17.00 on Monday 15th February 2021**

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