Hampshire Climate Action Network

Notes of meeting Saturday 16 May 2020

Present: Philippa Brealey, Alton (E Hants); Bob Clifford, Basingstoke; Rosemary Coddington, Gosport and Fareham; Ben Collins, New Forest; Angela Cotton, Southampton; Mary Deboos, New Forest; Phil Gagg, Winchester; Jenny Griffiths, Alton (E Hants); Mark Hancock, Southampton; Gill Hickman, New Forest; Hilary Hill, Alton (E Hants); Chris Holloway, Winchester; John Hubbard, Alton (E Hants); Roger Huxstep, Winchester; Sue James, Havant / Portsmouth; Rick Kimber, Blackwater Valley (Hart, Rushmoor);Susie Laan, New Forest; Meg Lampard, Gosport and Fareham; Malcolm Macinnes, Basingstoke; Natalie Martin, Romsey, Test Valley; Anna Mellor, New Forest; Brenda Pollack, FoE SE; Tim Pratt, Gosport and Fareham; Fiona Rogers, New Forest; Anne Sayer, Havant; Clare Seek, Portsmouth; Anne Stephenson, Gosport and Fareham; Rebecca Sykes, New Forest; Sarah Wood, Blackwater Valley / Rushmoor; Donna Vose, Winchester

This meeting was held on Zoom and some people were there for only part.

1. Updates

As usual, the meeting started with welcomes, and a round-up of local news

Brenda Pollack of FoE summarised FoE materials to share, including on parish councils.

2. Lockdown reductions in traffic and air pollution

Government has made it easier for Councils to make more space for pedestrians and cyclists, and made £2billion available for temporary measures e.g. cycle lanes, pedestrian improvements. This is an important opportunity to demonstrate what can be done and, perhaps, to get temporary changes that can become permanent.

Many places in the UK and other countries are taking action. Many HampshireCAN groups are lobbying their Council to make streets safer. An example is the petition in Winchester – see https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/covid-19-safer-streets-in-winchester?fbclid=IwAR1tCHa5wDOyBzDY4n8UbbUqs-bwPHyDlJEynkCGe78EltlWwiBpV-g0GJ0

It was decided to set up a transport interest group covering the HampshireCAN area (HCC, Portsmouth & Southampton) to pool information e.g. key documents, share ideas and act together where appropriate e.g. to lobby HCC or Transport for the South East (https://transportforthesoutheast.org.uk/).

Those interested agreed to meet quickly. If you want to join in, email HampshireCAN@Winacc.org.uk asap.

3. Matters arising from last meeting:

Rebecca Sykes of New Forest will attend the M3LEP on behalf of HampshireCAN.

4. The future of Hampshire Climate Action Network

WinACC has "hosted" HampshireCAN since its start on 2013, which means they provide email address, web page, insurance, and the HampshireCAN convenor Chris Holloway does so as a WinACC volunteer.

WinACC had asked the meeting to consider whether it would be more effective if HampshireCAN was an organisation in its own right, rather than technically a WinACC group.

The meeting concluded that people would prefer to continue being hosted by WinACC as this reduces cost and administration. No-one argued for becoming a separate organisation. These points were made:

- People valued the opportunity provided by HampshireCAN to talk to people across the area and share ideas.
- It is also useful to have a mechanism for a joint voice for working with HCC and other cross-border agencies e.g. LEPs, Transport for the South East. "Working with" includes (for example) speaking at Council meetings, but also being a route to engage with local communities.
- An interest group to lead on working with HCC could be useful. If you want to join this, email HCAN@winacc.org.uk
- HampshireCAN should have Interest Groups to lead on issues where useful. The transport interest group (see item 2 above) is the first; other topics which cross boundaries include air pollution, waste and renewable energy generation. These need to be small so they can act fast. If you want to set one up, email HCAN@winacc.org.uk
- HampshireCAN needs to be resilient to the possibility that Chris Holloway falls under a bus. It would also be useful to have a mechanism for agreeing a position quickly, when required. She will find one rep. per locality to form an informal HampshireCAN group (without burdensome regular meetings).
- To reduce the admin role of WinACC, HampshireCAN could add materials to the web page (WinACC could check before publishing).

Chris Holloway would report this discussion to WinACC.

5. **Hampshire Leaders Forum** is a forum for leaders of voluntary and community organisations convened by Action Hampshire, the umbrella body for voluntary and community groups across Hampshire. Hampshire Leaders Forum sends someone to the Hampshire Partnership, which is now majoring on climate change. So we need someone attending their meetings who knows what's happening on climate change. Chris will attend the next meeting of Hampshire Leaders Forum and ask for them to include a climate representative.
6. **Hampshire Pension Fund:** pressure is growing for the Pension Fund to do more to use its financial muscle to encourage responsible investment. Please encourage anyone with money in Hampshire Pension Fund (whether employee or pensioner) to add their names to the group of members who are lobbying the Pension Fund – email HCAN@winacc.org.uk to be put in touch, or to get complete list of all the 100 + employers in the Fund.

7. Southampton airport expansion updates and next steps

AXO is the campaign against Southampton airport expansion http://axosouthampton.wordpress.com/ and https://www.facebook.com/aXoSOU. They got over 1500 signatures to a petition so Southampton City Council had to discuss it. Then after emailing Cllrs, lots of leafletting, stalls, etc., Southampton City Council objected to the planning application. Winchester City Council also objected, as have a lot of other bodies.

Eastleigh Borough Council makes the decision because the airport, despite its name, is in Eastleigh. Eastleigh has a strong Lib Dem majority. The leader of the council told AXO that he approves - in contrast to the national Lib Dem petition that disagrees with airport expansion. The three independent cllrs are pushing for a full council decision. There are also 2 Conservatives.

AXO ask people who live in Eastleigh (which includes Bishopstoke, Fair Oak, Horton Heath, Hamble, Hedge End) to email their Cllrs. If you know anyone who lives in Eastleigh, please ask them to get involved.

To hear if/when there's a meeting email **foesoton@gmail.com**

Marhill Copse: [Since the meeting, we've heard that the Council has squashed its previous decision to fell trees that would clear the route for the extra runway. See https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/18479241.works-axe-trees-marlhill-copse-come-scrutiny/. The decision will now be taken by the Council PROW Committee , probably 21 June. Find out more from marlhillcopse999@gmail.com].

8. Greening Campaign

Chris Holloway reported that HCC showcased the Greening Campaign but are not providing it with funding. HCC invited parish councils to a meeting in January about what a parish council can do on the climate emergency and invited two speakers. Martin Heath of Basingstoke Energy Co-op spoke about community energy schemes, and Terena Plowright spoke about the Greening Campaign. Parishes seemed more interested in the Greening Campaign.

It was pointed out that the Greening Campaign was in suspense for several years, and their website lists local Greening groups which folded over 5 years ago. The focus in the past was on individual small actions.

9. Future events

On a quick show of hands, a majority thought that Zoom worked well, though several preferred face-to-face meetings. Zoom enables people to attend for specific items only, and saves travel cost and time (and emissions) but face-to-face facilitates networking.

To review for the future – maybe some of each.

Next HampshireCAN dates:

- **26 Sept 23020** 9.45 coffee, 10-1.00 **at** St Philip Howard Hall, Bishopsfield Road, Fareham PO14 1ND, (or zoom). Mark Hancock offered to support Chris Holloway in planning for this.

23 Jan 2021 at 9.45 coffee, 10-1.00 at Brockenhurst Village Hall, Highwood Rd, Brockenhurst SO42 7RY, free WiFi throughout (a few minutes' walk from Brockenhurst mainline rail station, and if you have to drive, free car parking).

Friends of the Earth will offer a new date for the cancelled workshop on working with your Council on a Climate Emergency Plan.

10. Other updates

- **Heathrow:** Heathrow Airport Limited and developers Arora Holdings have been given permission to appeal against the decision to stop them building a third runway, following the historic legal victory for the climate in February. The FoE legal team is confident that the Supreme Court will agree with us that it was illegal for the government to support a third runway without considering what this meant for meeting the Paris Agreement and the total climate impacts the development could have. They ask for donations.

- **Climate Outreach latest research:** *Communicating Climate Change during the Covid-19 crisis: what the research says* is available here: https://climateoutreach.org/resources/communicating-climate-change-during-covid-19-crisis-evidence/

- Frack Free Isle of Wight say:
  The Planning Application documents for Arreton 3 will not be submitted to the planning committee at this time. See
  https://shoutout.wix.com/so/95N8OB_rV/c?w=NgUX2BOF5cXSTD2vT_Lm_aqRap1lEEH9wOEfmnEG3vU.eyJ1IjoiaHR0cHM6Ly9kcml2ZS5nb29nbGUuY29tL29wZW4_aWQ9MUpBQ1k5LWdFQTVYblVMN2FPdUpNQ0FGaElpWUNoV1hNIiwiciI6Ijg1NzdmY2I4LWUwZTUtNDM3NS1hZTUyLTI0MWU1YzYyYzU2MyIsIm0iOiJtYWlsIiwiYyI6IjAzNGJjZDNhLTZkMjUtNDYxMS1iZmUxLTc3N2Q5N2ZlNTIxYyJ9

  The public consultation is not yet in effect. There is no detailed time plan at the moment for the statutory public consultation. We are still asking questions of the planning officers regarding training for the planning committee members, statements for the Island Waste and Minerals plan and procedures for the immediate future. We are aware that they are speaking to statutory consultees and will formulate our plan of contact with them over the next few days. Read today's Drill or Drop Report at this link
  Https://drillordrop.com/2020/05/14/ukog-plans-published-for-oil-site-on-the-isle-of-wight/
  We have prepared 3 online AWARENESS presentations for the public:
  https://shoutout.wix.com/so/95N8OB_rV/c?w=4PDEv3W6nsKaQBqJCu6vIvuBpMF7TmrcIa5pZkGm0GU.eyJ1IjoiaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZnJhY2tmcmVlaXNsZW9md2lnaHQub3JnL3ByZXNlbnRhdGlvbnMiLCJyIjoiODU3N2ZjYjgtZTBlNS00Mzc1LWFlNTItMjQxZTVjNjJjNTYzIiwibSI6Im1haWwiLCJjIjoiMDM0YmNkM2EtNmQyNS00NjExLWJmZTEtNzc3ZDk3ZmU1MjFjIn0