



YOU ARE INVITED TO A MEETING OF THE

# CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP

(Members: Councillors David Albin, Zafar Ali, Chris Church,  
Sarah Cockburn-Price, Mohammad Kaleem, Y. Tennant and Tom Whipp).

TO BE HELD  
REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT OFFICE TEAMS ON

18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2024

AT 6.00 P.M.

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# AGENDA

1. Minutes

**Enc.** To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Working Group held on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.

2. Rossendale Energy Scheme

To receive a talk from Deyrick Allen on the Rossendale Energy Scheme.

3. Community Initiatives in Trawden

To receive a talk from Nick Elliott on Community Initiatives in Trawden.

4. Climate Emergency Action Plan Update

To consider the attached report from the Director of Place **(TO FOLLOW)**.

5. Pendle Climate Forum Task Group Engagement Update

To consider the attached report from the Director of Place **(TO FOLLOW)**.

6. Climate Officer Post Budget Update

To receive a verbal update on the Climate Officer post following the Special Budget Council meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

7. Examples of Good Practice

- **Colne's Treasure Our Town.** Treasure Our Town (TOT) creates a very useful snapshot of the least loved and most forgotten parts of Colne administered by Colne Town Council under a past administration. After five year's absence, it is being re-started. It isn't just litter picking. A series of neglected areas are chosen - not the Town Centre. Each of these areas are visited just once a year by the TOT team, which consists of volunteers and Town Councillors, as well as representatives of local community groups. No session lasts more than one hour. One person makes notes and one person takes photographs. They look for things that are praiseworthy or worthy of action to fix or repair. They do this while simultaneously litter picking. The outturn at the end is a defined and entirely litter free area. From the notes, a series of actions are then followed up. For potholes or pavements or street lamps the Love Clean Streets App could be used. For private businesses contact is made, asking for specific improvements or congratulating, as appropriate. There might be actions for Pendle Borough Council, such as S215s or planning enforcements. There might be more fundamental questions asked, such as: "Why is this like this, wouldn't it be better like this?". TOT is a time to reassess an area. As each area is visited just once a year, over time, the improvement to an area can be clearly demonstrated, with fewer and fewer negative things to report year on year. Extensive record keeping via a spreadsheet of actions shows the improvement is demonstrable. TOT instils pride in Colne as a community.

There will also be an opportunity for further examples to be put forward.

## 8. Items for Noting

- **Geothermal Energy Update.** Teams meetings have been held with South Tyneside Council, Driver's Consultants and with Professor Gluyas of the University of Durham. Further Teams meetings are being arranged with Hemiko and with Rossendale Heat Network. A face-to-face meeting is to be held with Driver's prior to a half day workshop in the North East. This is an extremely technical area. The costs are great, but the investment in Pendle could be too. The risks, when drilling is so expensive, are significant, but the technology is proven. There are other technologies we could be investigating in parallel, such as water abstraction from our canal network, or solar. It is clear that the very first thing we should do is introduce ourselves to the twin Government funding bodies and get an officer allocated to us. 67% of the analysis needed prior to project applications is funded by them, with 100% of the project management fees. We could approach the LEP for help with the remaining third, as this area is part of their focus. We should also be aware that the guidance for the next round of Phase 4 of the Public Sector Decarbonisation is expected in Summer 2024 and that monies allocated in the Council's 2024/25 budget for Leisure Centres could potentially be used to support a grant to this fund.
- **Gib Hill Update.** A planning application for parking and related matters is working its way through the system, the registration with Natural England for this site having been made last year. A meeting with Nelson Town Council and Colne Town Council was held with Pendle Borough Council's (PBC's) Operational Services and subsequently, both Town Councils agreed to allocate substantial funding to act as a fund for initial works and to support future grant applications. It was agreed that the best way of managing the new Local Nature Reserve was via a Friends Group in conjunction with PBC. It was agreed that each Town Council should put forward two representatives to sit on the new Friends Group. A group called Hillside Heroes already exists. It is a registered charity with a bank account. Phil Riley asked whether they would be prepared to change their name to become the body around which the new Friends Group would coalesce. It was agreed that he should contact them for discussions.
- **Electric Vehicle Charging Points in Car Parks.** PBC Engineering Section has produced a Parking Strategy Scope as a basis for the Parking Strategy which will consider implications of EV charging points for both cars and bikes. A further report on the strategy findings and implications for EV charging infrastructure will be presented to CEWG at a future meeting.
- **Pendleside Community Climate Change Action Day.** A free community event to inspire individual and collective action to tackle climate change which will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Wheatley Lane Road, Barrowford, Nelson on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 between 10:30am and 8:30pm.

## 9. Items for a Future Agenda

- Walking School Bus Schemes
- Electric Vehicle Charging Points in Car Parks
- Biodiversity Net Gain

There will also be an opportunity for further items to be put forward.

## 10. Dates of Next Meetings

The next meetings will be held on:

**Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 at 6.00 p.m.**

**Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 at 6.00 p.m.**

**Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 at 6.00 p.m.**

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 at 6.00 p.m.

Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at 6.00 p.m.