

Notes of Our Meeting On July 21st at 7.00pm

- 1) **Membership.** It was reported that the membership is still at around 110 civil society organisations but that we would begin to recruit more organisations once the Festival is over.
- 2) **Working Groups.** We did not have detailed reports from most of the working groups for this meeting though we reported that the Education Group had just started, that the Pollution Group was working well with Global Action Plan and that the Waste Group had reported fully at our last Forum meeting. The one Group that had been really busy was the Land Group that had now focussed their attention on the Local Plan. Vicki reported the work they were doing on that and the furore caused by the Council's response to the National Park City Foundation's charge that it had been used as a 'bargaining chip' in its plans for the Green Belt. This will form part of our next Forum meeting
- 3) **Bank Account & Treasurer.** It was reported that we have all the information required of us including a Business Plan to progress the bank account with the Unity Trust Bank. The application now needs to be finalised and printed out with two signatories. Lindsay agreed to be the other signatory. Lindsay also volunteered to be Treasurer which we all agreed to gratefully.
- 4) **Next Forum Meeting.** We noted that the next Forum meeting would be Wednesday July 28th and it was agreed that apart from discussion on the Festival the main topic areas for that meeting would be,
 - a) **COP26.** This would be led by Jenny for a maximum of 10 minutes to highlight that COP26 is central to the Festival
 - b) **Update of the Council's Climate Plan.** Lindsay agreed to give a presentation on this again for a maximum of 10 minutes.
 - c) **Local Plan** (Vicki will lead on this and Matt Burn of Better Homes Enfield will also speak. Time allocated about 20 minutes.

We will also make sure there is added time for any questions and discussion and Zoey suggested this should be especially a feature

of the COP26 presentation where we ask members for their suggestions on how to make COP26 central to what we do.

5) **Climate Festival**

A) **Co-ordination of Events.** We reported that the Calendar of events provides an up to date picture of how the Festival is coming together.

B) **Leaflet Committee.** The leaflet committee had met and agreed a generic leaflet that can be used for general distribution and Vicki said a more calendar based one would be used for handouts rather than distribution. We also looked at special one off leaflets for example the MPs meeting, the Incinerator Meeting and the Festival day on the 25th and for general distribution. We also look at one-off small print runs for specials events that would be distributed internally.

C) **Budget.** Francis Had prepared a draft budget showing income and expenditure that we can use as a template to ensure what we do is within budget. This was accepted though Julie did point out we could get cheaper design costs and gave examples and we said we would follow this up for some the leaflets not yet in design.

D) **Crowd Funding.** We noted that the crowd funding site was launched on Friday and that we had started working on it from Sunday with over £700 now donated. Francis emphasised to get people to donate does need email contact and urged us all to reach out to our contacts and asked them to donate. Francis said that one valuable audience for contact would be local businesses and we could ask them to donate but that is a large job and would need help in doing that. We thought Katie had done a really good job in designing and launching the fund raiser.

E) **Social Network Campaign.** Katie, Zoey and Francis would be running a social network campaign on both the fund raiser and the Festival itself (including video as suggested by Jenny.) Our weak link in the chain was driving people to our website. So we agreed that Francis would discuss involving the Leaflet company in doing this as this is one of their marketing services (They did it for the Winchmore Green Festival) and that the costs for this would be about £450

F) **Risk Assessment** Vicki had looked at the Risk Assessment template offered by the Climate Coalition and it was agreed that this go out to members so if they wished they could customise it for their own purposes. This would be part of a tool kit that includes logos, banners, fonts etc that should be ready within about two weeks. Francis said he would also explore the cost of public insurance liability.

G) **Identifying Events With Limited Numbers.** We noted again that if we distribute leaflets that we might get more people turning up than the venues could hold so we decided to either use Eventbrite where appropriate (such as Capel Manor) or adding a first come first served message on leaflets for others. Vicki said she would talk to Malcolm at Capel Manor as to his preference on this.

H) **Month of Sundays, Love Your Doorstep Etc.** We noted that there would be some events where we would need a table and Banner for display including the Month of Sundays event in the middle of August in Southgate and the Love Your Doorstep event on September 17th.

I) **Street Collection** We briefly discussed Lindsay's idea of street collections on surplus items and Ayfer thought this is a good idea to pursue and had been done successfully in Turkey. We said we would try and develop this in one street (possibly Lindsay's) but this is an idea that we can carry on beyond the Festival with the Festival acting as a catalyst.

J) **Covid.** Jenny pointed out that we could be into a heavy third wave by September and that we should have contingency plans for this. Francis pointed out that many of our events are online and others could be shifted online if necessary. The ones in the open air might still be possible if Covid becomes an issue. Francis said he would stocktake all the face to face meetings and ask organisers if they had contingency plans.

7) **Incinerator.** We noted that we would be holding a meeting on the Incinerator during the Festival and that the key speakers had been booked but we still need a venue. We also noted the webinar done with Councillor Isidoros Diakides from Haringey where he made it clear that representatives on the NLWA were not there as delegates from their Boroughs but spoke only on behalf of the NLWA. We also noted that he had said the the members of the

NLWA had held at least one meeting and will be holding others to discuss the deputations and that the idea of a pause was not off the table.

8) **Newsletter.** Zoey said the next Newsletter would be going out by the end of the month and could she receive any copy for it by this coming Thursday.

9) **Co-ordination with Other North London Groups - Islington, Haringey and Barnet.** Francis said that the Haringey and Islington Climate Action Groups had been in touch with him and that it would be good to get us all together at a meeting. So we agreed that our October Forum would be one where we invite Haringey, Islington and Barnet members to meet us and discuss future collaboration.

10) **Topics for Next Forum Meetings.** We agreed that the August Forum would be based exclusively on the Festival and that the September meeting would look at feedback from the Festival and what we can carry forward from it. The September meeting could be in the Southgate Hall (who had offered us free premises) or online or even hybrid..

11) **Any Other Business.** There was no other business not covered in the main agenda.

12) **Date & Time of Next Meeting.** We agreed that the next core meeting would be on Monday August 9th at 7.30pm and that the next Forum meeting would be on Tuesday August 24th at 7.30pm

We concluded at 8.20pm - so not bad for such a busy agenda!