

Meeting of the Climate Emergency Working Group
10th October 2023 at 6pm

Present:

Cllr Martin

Cllr Flower

Cllr Charlton-Wright

E Bennett, Clerk

1. GCC Expression of Interest Trees for Gloucestershire - GCC have reviewed the 5 locations submitted by CTC. 3 locations were private land and not suitable. 1 location was not viable for planting. 1 location was being investigated further by GCC for the possibility of planting here.
2. Town councillors around the Forest of Dean were invited to a Forest Forum event about Forestry Management and changes to Silvicultural practices at Speech House Hotel on Thursday 2 November 2023. Councillors would book on the free event.
3. Training on the radical adaption for Parish & Town Councillors on the Creating Green and Resilient Communities. Councillors agreed the 3 sessions looked beneficial. Cllr Charlton-Wright would attend. It was agreed the cost of £40 would be met from the Councillor Training Budget.
4. Correspondence from Zero Hour regarding support for the [Climate and Ecology Bill](#), was considering regarding joining other parish and town councils in supporting the bill to call for joined-up action that provides an adequate, commensurate response to the emergency of our natural world, our parks, villages and towns, our landscapes and wildlife. A draft motion was provided which the Climate Emergency Working Group supported. It was agreed to refer the matter to the November meeting.
5. The Climate Emergency Working Group enquired about the cleaning products used and this would be confirmed.
6. The Clerk updated on the Love Your Cinderford Brook project and the GWT plans for a rain garden at The Wesley. It was noted that the designs and drawings would be confirmed at Council on 10.10.2023 and these were supported by the Working Group. Members enquired about bird boxes being used and this query would be directed to the Estates Officer.

Finish 6.45pm.