



# CLIMATE ACTION GSX AGM 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 Draft Minutes

Agenda Welcome and Presentation by Adrian Cooper.  
Minutes of 2020 AGM  
Chair's annual report  
Treasurer's report  
Steering group  
VCSA Climate Workshops  
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AOB

Present ; Rob Saunders (Chair), Tony Green (Treasurer)  
Cath Edwards, Chris Deaves, Dave Green, Denise Thompson, Sue Taylor,  
David Luckhurst, Paul Bolton, David Matthews, Mark Scutt and Jon Cooke.  
Apologies : Bob Ensum, David Howard and Kath Norgove.

## Welcome

Rob Saunders welcomed everyone to the Zoom meeting.

Presentation by Adrian Cooper on Shropshire Council progress on climate action.  
Adrian leads the climate task force which is now working on a range of projects to help the Council reach Net Zero carbon by 2030.  
These include Power down by energy efficiency and Power up of Renewables.  
Support is given to the Climate partnerships including arranging grants.  
Details are listed in the presentation slides pdf document.  
Work for increasing EV recharging points is taking place, while an EV day in Shrewsbury is planned for November

Adrian answered a few questions and Rob thanked him for his detailed talk.

## Minutes of 2020 AGM

There were no comments or additions to make, minutes were agreed.

## Chair's Report

Rob Saunders presented a short summary of the written report which he hoped all had read. GSX has been very active on the Climate partnerships and produced regular newsletters for members. Shropshire Against Pointless Plastic supported Plastic Free July.

## Treasurer's Report

Tony Green presented the accounts

Opening Balance	£1,046	Closing Balance	£952.9
Expenditure			
Website	£33		
SWM fee	£60		

### Steering Group

Rob Saunders, Tony Green, Cath Edwards, Chris Deaves, Bob Ensum and David Howard will continue, while Paul Bolton (Sustainable Bridgnorth) and David Matthews (Stretton Climate Care) will attend and consider being members, to replace Bob Ensum and David Howard.

### VCSA Climate Workshops

Tony Green represents GSX on the Voluntary Community Sector Assembly and is working with Shropshire Association of Local Councils (SALC) to hold two workshops in October on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. These will be online events in the mornings 10am -12am.

Speakers are to be arranged on Net Zero Carbon and the Third Sector.

This will build on the workshop held in March 2020.

A draft briefing guide has been produced and will be presented at these workshops.

### Climate Actions

A discussion on other actions taking place included the following events.

Bishops Castle Heat network meeting.

Stretton Climate Care, Food for a healthy planet meeting in September and the Low carbon day in October.

Love Shropshire Nature events in September including an event in Pontesbury.

Bayston Hill is holding a Green Week while Market Drayton is holding the Go Green event in October.

Sustainable Newport is planning a sustainability webinar and helping a local food frenzy event.

They are also working on the project for supplying water for the allotments.

Transition Telford is supporting the proposed Solar Farms at New Works and the Steeraway farm sites.

Lightfoot is taking part in a Clun Eco Day in Sept.

Shrewsbury Green doors event takes place in October.

### AOB

Shrewsbury North West Road Planning application.

Dave Green outlined the changes made to the scheme following the large number of objections (over 4,000). The crawler lane has been dropped and a larger embankment is suggested while other changes for landscaping are also proposed.

These changes will reduce the carbon emissions and reduce the cost. However BeST consider these do not improve the scheme and are asking for all the previous objections to be considered. The council is not contacting all those that have made comments.

BeST will be updating their website and consultation on the changes ends 7<sup>th</sup> October.

Denise considered this a depressing situation and wondered what could be done to ensure the council drops the idea for this road.

Many councillors are questioning the financial costs, with Labour, Lib Dems and Green Party councillors not supporting the road.

It is possible that the planning application will go to a public inquiry.

Rob Saunders thanked everyone for attending and also Dave Green for arranging the zoom meeting.  
(AGM closed at 9pm)

