

## E&E Select Committee Members mind mapping exercise for Climate Emergency Scrutiny review

Councillor Sarah Mead:

Following the EE meeting I am more convinced that the council is not joining up policy and direction consistently through each department.

- There is inconsistency in approach to trees - SBC conveniently ignores the plight of trees in planning. It's time to demand developers take steps to relocate trees not replace with new trees.
- Types of tree for maximum carbon impact needs to happen - conifers and broad leaf trees for example.
- There are throwaway cups still being used
- There are still single use plastic water bottles evident in every meeting I attend - there needs to be a ban.
- Some members are still using paper copies in meetings - there needs to be a hard line on this - paperless only
- There needs to be a measure of success throughout as I said in the meeting
- The council needs to relay messages relating to the zero carbon policy consistently to residents in every publication.
- The climate emergency needs to appear in each agenda in every meeting to hold account and apply pressure.
- There needs to be consideration to energy production - solar panels, wind power. Policy is all relating to reducing carbon energy but no thought into replacing energy
- Overall we need to address every aspect of council work and sweat the small stuff as well as the greater plan - for example products being used, materials being used
- There needs to be a large scale campaign on recycling in order to address PE1 plastic
- As well as education on recycling. The last education was from Lee Myers where every household was given clear illustration
- We need to promote mend and repair over replace.
- Computers at Daneshill need to be turned off when. Or in use and not left on standby.
- the new hub building could be based on the Swansea model - it is a self-sufficient energy positive building - Google Swansea Bay technology centre for info

Councillor Simon Speller:

1. We ask HEART to be our partner critical friend 'without prejudice' (literally this means neither party is necessarily signed up to the other's statements, but that we share similar goals). We should sign a memo of understanding and actively promote it to mutual advantage via social media...now!!

2. We really do follow up on the Citizen's Panel debacle. It is so upsetting to hear Wendy's and Jim Borchard's feedback. It's not acceptable! I will use my role on P&D as far as I can, together with all my P&D colleagues? Zayd will be our go to AD to inject energy here! If we need to, call it in.

3. The accent has to be on full on ENGAGEMENT. We are (To me personally) so far off beam it is embarrassing. Where are our active and on-going day to day links with young people??

Our best way is via the Mayor of the year. That special role is ideal for mobilising schools and young people, since we are a second tier authority.

Talk about the Youth Mayor and Council is beside the point. In fact it looks tokenistic if we use the Arnstein 'Ladder of Participation'. (I will send this to Stephen for everybody)

4. And also on ACTION over 'blah blah blah': lots and lots of small projects in neighbourhoods under our CNM banner: litter picks and woodland clear ups in particular. These are already happening. We need Steve D (our AD link) and Rob G to help us with that in particular. Julia Hill is the key facilitator here! Low hanging fruit, quick wins...

Connect this to the '20 minute Neighbourhood'. We were onto this in Stevenage back in 1946! If you do the history walks and talks you'll see this very clearly.

5. Planning. Yep, agree with HEART and former Mayor Jim Brown on this. P&D are on the case..

That's it so far from me I think as a brainstorm...

Councillor Wendy Kerby:

- Workshop with local producers of food how we can increase local shopping in support of the 20 minute community theory
- Engage with gardening clubs to see if they can support education for people growing vegetables at home - I suspect lots of people would love to and don't have a clue how to start
- Facilitate a link people who want to do so. Maybe some people have the money or the space but not the time or inclination and some people are green fingered and don't have a garden. Could pool resources
- Reach out to (very) small businesses who advertise on Facebook etc to see how we can support their advertising - maybe create a directory with links to their websites. Crafts, candles, cakes etc. Anything that we could buy locally rather than on Amazon
- Advertise where you can recycle less common items, eg Superdrug in the town take blister packs, the Co-op at the Hyde take crisp packets, Sainsbury's take printer cartridges. What's left? We could engage with Teracycle if all the bases aren't covered

- Re-fill pantries are cropping up in Herts and we're behind the curve. They have them in St Albans, Letchworth, Ware and Hertford. How can we get one in Stevenage?
- Lead by example at the Council offices. Communicate to Councillors that they should bring in re-fillable bottles and coffee cups and get rid of the single use plastic and wax coated throw-away cups.