

ISP Public Meeting 26th September 2020

Notes from the Energy/Materials and Products/Zero Waste breakout rooms. Keith Pitcher (KP) facilitated. Notes written by Neil Stevens on 27th September. V2 29th September

Breakout 2

Owen Wells

Called for national policies to improve what happens to our re-cycling after it is collected.

Zandra Lomas

Asked for details of how solar panels and insulation can be made available for people living in flats

Breakout 3

Robbie Moore

Talked about developing heat pumps and biomass boilers for community schemes.

One way of improving community buildings was to transfer them from Bradford to Ilkley and then improve the energy performance; e.g. library, Moors Shopping Centre. He has examples across the constituency which he would be happy to share.

There was a problem with commercial waste collection for small businesses. Individually they pay Bradford for the service and to avoid this some took waste home for disposal in domestic bins. A joint collection was proposed to be set up for these small businesses.

He would be interested in what people felt about carrot v stick in terms of modifying peoples behaviour; e.g. taxation reliefs and subsidies v price increase like charging for plastic bags. In this area "How can the Sustainability Plan have influence and weight on policy?"

Breakout 1

Peter Kirby

Can we share the electricity generated from solar panels that aren't installed on your own location e.g. flats

Have we thought about capturing emissions? KP mentioned the Orchard Project and a CAI bid for funding is being developed to plant a lot more trees.

We need to think about investing in solar panels for people who can't afford to do it on their own.

Mark Stidworthy

Re: banks who support the fossil fuel industry - the Town Council is changing its bank to a more climate friendly alternative.

The Town Council is supporting CPD (Continuing Professional Development) for builders to be trained in modern insulation techniques. Generally the council would like to more involved with projects as a partner rather than as a passive bystander providing a grant.

Ros Brown

Mentioned the importance of peat bogs for carbon capture.

Talked about the need for the planning process for building development to have higher insulation standards set at a national level. There is a Planning White Paper out for consultation at the moment and it is important to respond. The Town Council are doing so and can help CAI if they need it. KP asked for a link to the consultation and then a Zoom meeting on the subject, - Ros will set up a meeting.

Plenary Session

Clare Heap

Said CAI required more publicity. She offered to help.

Peter Mate

Build on this meeting and have another in month or two's time to consider progress.

Mark Stidworthy

The Town Council is keen to engage more with local groups. There was an open invitation for groups to come and talk to the council at their regular meetings.

In Chat Mark gave a link to the Government's Planning for the Future consultation:-
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future>

Robbie Moore

These meetings are useful for him to inform his national role. How can these aspirations be met and help drive national policy? Ross Brown will contact him re national insulation standards.

George Abramson

Introduced Your Priorities - a website which captured your views.

Ros Brown suggested it could be tailored for children and young people to use. George said we would be pleased to help with setting up your own consultation site for schools.

Poll

George asked people to complete a poll asking whether they supported the Sustainability Plan. One or two people had technical difficulties completing it. The result was:-

Yes 90%

No 0%

Not sure - needed further information 10%