

Climate Action Ilkley - AGM

Tuesday 30th November at 19.30 - held via Zoom

Minutes

Attendees: Mike Daw (chair and minutes [taken afterwards from a recording]), Mike Pilling, Clare Heap, Steve Peel, Rob Knipe, Neil Stevens, Ed Duguid, George Abramson, Kath Steward, Gary Knamiller, Chris Knamiller, Rick Batterbee, Antony Butcher, Will McBain, Keith Pitcher, Matthew Sturgeon, Paul Stevens, Lorna Arblaster, Sarah Williams, Wendy Selina

Apologies: Ruth McBain, Martin Nash, Jeanne-Claire Stanley-Hyde*, Ian Smith* (* = voting through Will McBain as proxy)*

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of quorum (greater of 5% of membership or 3 members)

Membership was 120; therefore the quorum of 6 members or more was satisfied.

4. Review of projects, activities, and events

Steve Peel provided a verbal review of activities since June 2020. A written version of this review is available here: <https://climateactionilkley.org.uk/annual-reports/>

5. Statement of accounts and annual report

This was approved unanimously and will now be submitted to the Charity Commission.

6. Resignation of current trustees

According to our constitution, all trustees had to resign at this meeting, our first AGM as a charity.

However, particular thanks were given to those trustees who have served since the charity was formed and who are not standing for election, namely:

Anna Davidson, John Marsham, Keith Pitcher, Jeanne-Claire Stanley-Hyde, and Helen Thurston.

7. Appointment of independent chair for election of trustees

Will McBain was appointed as independent chair for the election of trustees.

8. Election of trustees

The following people were elected as trustees: Martin Nash, Kath Steward, Neil Stevens, Steve Peel, Rob Knipe, George Abramson, Mike Daw.

9. Any other business

There was no other business raised.

10. Open discussion and questions

The following comments/ideas were discussed:

- Support for prioritising increasing CAI membership
- Suggestion to increase the membership fee although others felt that this might provide a barrier especially as there is an option to make additional donations
- An alternative suggestion might be to seek grant funding or to ask for member contributions for specific projects
- Suggestion to initiate a corporate membership category, e.g. at £100 or so
- Possibly reductions for CAI members from certain businesses?
- Yorkshire & Humber climate action plan - Lorna suggested that this provides good examples for Ilkley businesses. Sarah and Rob offered to join this effort to seek to share best practice
- Engage more younger people? Although this has been hard to get going in practice
- Suggestion for more regular reports or notice of successes, e.g. from action groups or funding awards, although it was pointed out that this could be burdensome
- Suggestion for a strategy or plan for the next 3 years or so although it is difficult to set a top-down strategy for a volunteer-led organisation. It was also pointed out that the Ilkley Sustainability Plan has lots of good ideas for action
- Support for scaling up geographically as well as just in terms of membership
- Might demonstration projects (as in Addingham) be helpful?
- Could we employ someone? Say a part-time job? E.g. half a day per month to begin with. Useful as well as a good social outcome.