

Green Party General Meeting 13/7/23

Ten members attending with Ian James as chair.

Councillor reports

Ian James (IJ) summarised the state of the council and general operating procedures revolving around the cabinet and committees.

IJ is on the licencing and also the overview and scrutiny committee which allows some probing of cabinet deliberations.

A new liaison committee has been set up to agree a climate change policy for net zero carbon by 2035. JH likely to be coopted to this group. This arrangement follows the rejection of the original 2050 target.

A climate emergency motion to be put before council this week, having failed in the last council N.B. this information not yet for public consumption. Next meeting is in Horndean at the technology college 27th July.

James Hogan (JH) reported he is on the planning committee and spoke about a contentious application. Greenspace was proposed on some farmland owned by the county council which JH supported.

Councillors for the conservative and Bordon parties would also be joining the liaison committee.

JH running monthly surgery alongside Lib Dems at the Clanfield Centre. He has also been along to the parish council who were very welcoming.

Public Engagement Activities

Noted that Pecan have several events coming up:

<https://petersfieldcan.org/events>

Election Activity

IJ and JH preparing a newsletter which will need distribution.

Suggested that we knock on the doors of the green voters (1's and 2's from the canvas) in Horndean Downs to thanks them and ask if they will help deliver. Script will need to be worked out – possibly something from Regional Team?

Topical Item - EHGP Four Year Plan

This to be examined in detail at the forthcoming “away day” on 5th August, 2pm at the URC church. Judith Riggs (JR) has done some preparatory work to facilitate discussions.

The aim is to staff the basic operations reliably and also recruit more members and prospective candidates.

AOB

Green Party have said we will not get a capitation payment this year, however IJ offered to pay his “Party leader” stipend from EHDC into local party coffers.

John Hilton has updated the website.

Meeting closed at 20:26