**PACT meeting number 2022-3 – Wednesday 13th April 2022**

7pm via Zoom

**Present:**

Directors: Geoff Rockliffe-King (Chair for tonight), Christine Sutherland (Secretary), John Bodger, Richard Waller

Members: Ali Ross, Chris Cant, Peter Dicken

Others: Georgina Stephenson (Acting CAO), Rosie Bradshaw

**Apologies**

Philip Sturgess, Ron Kenyon, Cecilia Hewett, Jaki Bell, Liz Jablonski, Virginia Taylor

**Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

The minutes of last meeting were accepted.

Chris declared a financial interest re his work on the website and email account.

**PACT ADMIN**

**New PACT Community Action Officer**

* Slow progress towards getting this role defined and advertised due to other commitments of the directors. If interviews are in June Rich may be in a position to assist.
* Geoff has asked Georgina to continue in her current role for another couple of months. This was approved. Georgina was thanked for her social media coverage of the recent Repair Café.

**New email system**

* Chris will do the changeover from Google to Gandi in the next few days. We will start with just four mailboxes: chris, treasurer, info and repaircafe, with some alias addresses eg chair, secretary, plastic-free. Others can be added

**PACT website**

* Rich will try to fix a face-to-face meeting with Jaki and Chris to take this forward.
* The website is our Shop Window. Needs to be welcoming and easy to use. See below re the talks.

**Series of talks**

* Rich and Georgina have discussed this. They suggest the talks should start in September.
* It would be great if the first speaker could be Paul Allen, to set the scene. First-hand experience of COP etc. Ali Ross offered to liaise with him.
* Promote a programme for the year. Seasonality, eg gardening at relevant time.
* Suggested alternately online and live events but it was thought having all as hybrid would be better if a suitable venue could be found (cf hustings below)
* Use the new website to take bookings, archive recordings etc. Thematic tie-in?

**Environmental hustings**

* Being planned by Geoff and Georgina.
* Similar to the successful PACT EDC hustings 3 years ago but with the addition of live streaming.
* Proposed for Wednesday 27th April, upstairs in the Parish Centre, or the George Hotel.
* For the candidates for the Eden area of the new Westmorland and Furness Council.
* Only to discuss environmental issues eg a Declaration of Climate Emergency for the new Council.
* Important to have robust wifi - Georgina will test this tomorrow. Rich will contact Duncan Walker who is responsible for the wifi in the church. They plan to have a dedicated person to deal with the tech and streaming issues. YouTube may be more suitable than Zoom.
* Geoff will work out a format once the number of candidates attending is known. Possibly get some audience questions in advance. Those online may be able to type questions in the chat.
* Geoff plans to send invitation letters out this weekend and will put an advert in the Herald.

**UPDATES**

**Electric Car Share Scheme**

* A questionnaire is being prepared, to gauge local support for a scheme. Rich will find out whether it is ready to publicise. How can we best disseminate this?

**Community Gardeners**

* They are keeping the cart at the station and any spare seeds, plants and gardening books can be put on it. People leave donations and they use the money to buy plants and equipment.
* They might be up for a plant-sharing event in June when people have seedlings to share? Seedling Saturday at the June Repair Café? (Not seeds or tools this time??)

**Tree planting**

* Frenchfield – Philip’s eco group have watered the trees nearest the school and Philip has made arrangements to borrow a water bowser so that they can water the trees further away. Most of the trees that we planted are looking healthy.
* Ron has helped Pete Leeson with tree planting and also removal and collection of plastic tree guards. This could be a useful PACT activity in itself.

**SLACC (South Lakes Action on Climate Change)**

* John, Geoff and Rich had a Zoom meeting with representatives from SLACC. They are in a very similar situation to PACT and were glad of the opportunity to talk things through. Their main project, re food waste, has a life of its own and they are uncertain what they ought to tackle next. No further meeting planned.

**CSN (Cumbria Sustainability Network)**

* Still meeting monthly. Often 12 or 14 groups attending but not always the same ones. A useful forum to hear what other groups are doing but possibly once every 2 months would be enough. People are unlikely to want to go back to travelling for face-to-face meetings unless there is a special topic of interest.
* Workplace is a good way of sharing information by email with like-minded people but we all get too many emails!

**Shap**

* Peter Dicken and Dave Corrie run the Shap Environmental Reading Group and do what they can locally. Peter enjoys attending the Sustainable Brampton discussions by Zoom.

**Next meeting**

**Thursday 26th May on Zoom at 7pm.**

**Glossary**

CAfS Cumbria Action for Sustainability

CAO Community Action Officer

CSN Cumbria Sustainability Network

EDC Eden District Council

ZCC Zero Carbon Cumbria