**SENS**

Notes of the Pop Up meeting at the Eagle and Child on 26 November 2019

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Getting Started

The timing of this open meeting provided an opportunity to plan for 2020. While the election on 12 December might well herald a different period of National Governance, particular events have brought the impact of the climate crisis to everybody’s attention. The recent floods, in Yorkshire and the East Midlands, followed by equally dramatic reports of flood in France, Italy and Greece have brought home the immediacy of the crisis, and highlighted the dangers of climate policy being run by a government which fails to recognize the dangers.

All the Party manifestos have sections on dealing with the climate crisis, ranging from the most radical proposals of the Greens through to a cautious recognition from the Tories; even the Brexit Party’s ‘contract’ mentions planting trees. The point is that the climate crisis is now part of the political narrative, denying it is no longer a sustainable political position. As Isobel reminded us, the ultimate boy racer Jeremy Clarkson, has acknowledged the reality of global warming while not wholly embracing the ‘green movement’.

SENS with other groups concerned with climate change and the impact on the environment and on biodiversity are, and will be, operating in a context which is more accepting of the need to act. With this in mind the meeting started by addressing the following:

**WHAT SHOULD WE DO TO SAFEGUARD OUR ENVIRONMENT, OUR HEALTH AND WELL BEING AND THAT OF OUR CHILDREN?**

With a particular emphasis on projects, proposals and action for 2020.

Everybody contributed to a range of items and discussions which are headlined in the Appendix.

We then agreed some particular action points for Staveley, concentrating on what needs to happen in the first months of 2020. This both builds on previous agreements, and is the start of a process that we need add to and shape over the coming days and weeks.

1. Activate and Use the **Facebook Page and the SENS Website** to get people talking, interacting, debating, reporting what’s happening.
2. Organise a **Street Party** for mid summer time (the Great Get Together is 19-21 June). Try Lottery Fund for cash: We need to apply in the next seven days. Meet at the Big Onion at 11am on Tuesday 3 December.
3. Meet with **Pupils and Parents of the School**. It would be good to do this in partnership with Parish Council.
4. **Surveys** to encourage wider community engagement, possibly with the Parish Council:
* Survey of Staveley residents. Questionnaire that is relevant and encourages active contribution to countering climate change.
* Survey of people running local businesses with a questionnaire that includes the potential benefits for business people, themselves.
1. Organise a (Plastic) **Clean Up** day in March:
* And Invite local young people to participate in the surveys and clean up day
1. Arrange for **bottled milk** to be available for the Village again until John, the milkman, returns. Perhaps fresh fruit and vegetables too, building on The Big Onion.
2. Map **Watershed**: collect data; speak to environmental people at SLDC / Environment Agency.
3. Revisit the GTi re **further work on public transport**.
4. Set up a regular series of discussions - monthly basis and advertise through What’s On (Staveley) - need to think of good catchy title to encourage people to come along. eg. Pop Up discussion - come and join a chat about (solutions, green, resilience, creative, positive action, individual action etc.) - include SENS generic email address to submit ideas if can’t attend chats.
5. At the previous SENS meeting on 2! October the following issues were discussed (details on Isobel’s email on 23/10/19), and should also be included:
* **Fruit/nut bush/tree planting/grafting/growing project**
* **Wildlife ideas**
* **Staveley parking/public realm**
* **Hydro project/Community Energy**
* **Care home consultation**

**NEXT MEETING: WILF’S: 12.30 pm on Friday 13 December 2019**

**PS Details from Isobel about the new fund to celebrate the National Lottery 25th birthday year**

**www.celebratenationallottery25.com**

* Grants of £100 to £1000 to fund ideas to bring people together
* Open to application from 23rd November, for a 2 week period only

ie deadline is 14.00 pm on Friday 6 December (next Friday!).

**An outline calendar for 2020 – please add**

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|  | Activity | Lead | Comments |
| January | Community discussions |  |  |
| February | Community discussions |  |  |
| March | Community discussionsClean up day |  |  |
| April | Community discussions |  |  |
| May | Community discussions |  |  |
| June | Community discussionsStreet party |  |  |
| July | Community discussions |  |  |
| August | Community discussions |  |  |
| September | Community discussions |  |  |
| October | Community discussions |  |  |
| November | Community discussions |  |  |
| December | Community discussions |  |  |