

CLIMATE ACTION EAST LINTON

STEERING GROUP MEETING 1/07/2020

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Website

- Authorisation was agreed between the steering group members for the purchasing of the domain name cael.community
- The purchase of the domain name is £34.82 (to be renewed every year), and other costs would be website hosting £15/month. It was agreed that these costs would be covered between us (alongside the £20 contribution that Jo received from the Guild).
- Ownership of the domain name will preferably be CAEL if possible. Jo's address can be used if an address is needed
- It was agreed after further research that Square Space is the better option for building a website- simpler templates, user friendly / accessible to younger people, less technical barrier to upload things.

Being an affiliated member of Sustaining Dunbar

- Philip has previously advised that to be an affiliated member, we just need those who are active within CAEL (eg leading on projects, being involved in activities) to become members of Sustaining Dunbar so that we are covered by their insurance. *Action: Jo will send the link to the Sustaining Dunbar membership to Tim and Colin, and to the wider group*

Action Plan

- The draft action plan was agreed and signed off.

Priority themes

Local travel

- Colin is happy to be involved in local travel. *Action: Jo to send Colin the contact details of Mark from Sustaining Dunbar who has headed up bike projects locally and who was going to initiate 'get back on your bike' bike rides in East Linton, to explore what we can do locally beyond this to support people using bikes more.*

Local work

- The council office was discussed as a possible option as a space for co-working. It was suggested that caution is needed in terms of taking it over as an asset, as we would then be responsible for maintenance, electricity, heating etc. Wiser to contact the council (at

a later date, if it's seen as a viable option after further research), to see if we could use it as a space (rather than own it).

- As well as the Mart, it was also suggested using the community hall where heating and electricity are already paid for. This could be an option to explore further, especially for piloting co-working space and level of demand
- Contacting Osbert from Sustaining Dunbar is the first step to explore further around local work/co-working models as he has already done a lot of research into this.

Biodiversity

- Tim is happy to be involved in Biodiversity group – in a supporting role for now, as he learns more.
- It was agreed that any possible land that could be part of the Rewilding East Lothian trial for biodiversity (less mowing / no spraying by the council) should be run past Judith in DCC (and copy in Colin in with explanation that he is part of the steering group)
- It was agreed that once land is identified/agreed that can be part of the Rewilding East Lothian pilot for less mowing/no spraying, we can invite the wider group to join in, so that there is something immediate for them to get actively involved in.

Updating the wider CAEL group about next steps

- It was agreed to let the wider group know what we are currently working on – change of name, setting up a website, and researching into possible priority areas – and that if they are interested in helping / supporting to get in touch. Make sure that however we don't come across as cliquey and that we are open to outside input.

Communication with each other

- Trello has been suggested as a means to communicate with each other in the steering group, and to save and share documents/files.