

## Braunston CAN meeting 7.30 Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

Venue: Village Hall

### Agenda

1. Matters from December meeting. Notes below.

2. Active and sustainable travel submission to WNC officers and councillors:

Site visit, 7th December 2023

Attending:

Neil Holland, WNC Access Development Officer (Active Travel), Alan Mawer, Braunston PC

Dave Dawson, Braunston Climate Action Network.

Apologies: Helen Howard, Community Liaison Officer for Highways

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Neil also stated that the public consultation on the Daventry Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan will be opened on 15th January.

3. Barby Road housing development

WNC have given outline planning permission for 29 homes on the field between Greenway and the Playing Field. It is likely that the field will now be sold to a housing developer. The applicants for the outline planning permission were aware of the Braunston Neighbourhood Plan Policy M on Sustainable Development but stated that the homes will be 'net-zero ready', i.e. not net zero.

Proposal: B CAN monitors changes such as when a developer applies for [reserved matters](#).

4. Other projects

- a. Electric car charging points (David)
- b. Community energy - ground source heat pumps (David)
- c. Plant-based diet behaviour change (Helen)
- d. Air Quality monitor (Abigail, Frankie, Alan Ma, Alan Mo, Helen)
- e. Sustainable Transport System (Alan Ma)
- f. Solar Photovoltaic Panels (David)
- g. Energy advice - signposting of information (Abigail)
- h. Events and visioning walks/village surveys (Abigail)
- i. Repair shop and Library of Things (Abigail, Alan Mo, David)
- j. Parish mowing (Alan Ma)
- k. Tree trail (Helen)
- l. South View field (Liz and Phil)

5. BVN submission for Feb edition

6. AOB

7. Next meeting. 7th February

## **Braunston CAN AGM & December meeting 6 December 2023**

### **Present**

Abigail, Alan, Dave, Sylv, Liz, Phil

### **Apologies**

Kathryn, David, Alan Morgan, Helen

## **AGM**

### **Review of the year**

Alan reviewed Braunston CAN's achievements over the past four years:

- 20+ people on our mailing list with 10 regularly attending meetings
- Busy and evolving project list
- Emissions from parish mowing reduced by c50 per cent. £1k of the initial budget savings from this were ring-fenced for our work with verges. £912 remains.
- Tree trail
- Air quality monitor - potential for use by the school, or in collaboration with other local groups and climate networks
- EV charging points at The Boathouse
- Lobbying and holding to account WNC
- Participation in Daventry Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan workshops
- Links with Climate Action West Northants and Kilsby Residents Climate Action Group
- Support from Councillor Rosie Humphreys
- Regular positive presence in the BVN
- Active Facebook page
- Work with other Braunston groups including Brownies, Jetty Field, Playing Field and Canal Society
- Nibbits Field restoration, hedge and tree planting
- Developing relationship with Braunston School, for example on active travel and the weather station
- We maintain a strong local focus, creating practical opportunities to respond to a global crisis.

### **Election of Post-Holders**

Alan Mawer: Chair

Dave Dawson: Vice-Chair

David Cary: Treasurer

Abigail Campbell\*: Secretary

\*with support from Sylv Dawson

## **December Meeting**

### **Stop House**

Although it has not been possible to progress the idea of registering The Stop House as a community asset because of the status of CRT as statutory authority, there remains considerable interest in working with CRT to give The Stop House a sustainable community and climate focused future. Adrian Honeybill continues to liaise with CRT and will share more information as their strategy evolves. In the meantime, it was agreed it would be useful to gather together BCAN members and others with an interest in this potential project to exchange ideas. Abigail will progress this early in the new year.

### **Nibbits Field**

The community tree planting session went very well, with lots of support from local groups including the Brownies. The next batch of plants from the Woodland Trust are arriving in March; a further session will be planned for then. Liz and Phil would be pleased to receive any other tree donations for the top of the field.

### **Active Travel**

Alan Mawer and Dave would be meeting Neil Holland from WNC to review the active travel infrastructure on and around the A45 on 7th December. [See note below]

### **Braunston School**

Dave will follow up with the school about the weather station. Alan Mawer will check in with Pete Morgan on the bikeshed. Further discussion took place about supporting the school's efforts to promote active travel solutions, reduce traffic and improve road safety around the school site - including the installation of child-like statues, drop-off points and walking buses.

### **West Northants Tree Strategy**

Consultation to be launched shortly and will be circulated for BCAN members.

### **Next meeting**

The January meeting is on Wednesday 3rd January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall meeting room.

### **AOB**

### **BCAN logo**

It was agreed this might be nice to have and could be a competition for the Brownies or other local youth groups.

### **BCAN bank account**

Agreement that it would be useful to set this up for 2024. Sylv suggested Nat West and offered to help David progress this.

### **Wassail**

Abigail suggested BCAN might consider setting up a Village Wassail for the tree trail and community orchard next year.

### **Note of meeting with Neil Holland on 7th December**

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