

B-CAN Matters arising from December 2022 meeting

- (a) David's written report re. EV charging point:
I have had a meeting last week with the area manager of Marstons and as an outcome they have escalated the installation of the rapid chargers in the car park. She will keep us informed and we will be able to meet with them to discuss how we might co-operate to encourage use of the facility and engage the village, etc. They are working with Osprey who are the charge point provider in Bowen Square. Daventry now has a range of options for charging with another rapid charger at McDonalds provided by Instavolt, Fast chargers are in Lodge Road car park and the car park beside Arc Cinema supplied by BP Pulse, Tesco car park with Pod Point and the latest addition of fast chargers in Sheaf Street Car park an interesting addition provided by Connected Kerb. This is interesting as it is a sign of the future where you can use any rfid card or their app. The future will be like this that you can your credit card, app or a rfid card supplied by your household energy provider or car manufacturer. Whilst in Brussels and Switzerland over the last month I have indeed checked this out and I can use any of the chargers without requiring additional apps or rfid cards. These would also be suitable hardware to install in Braunston on the street at some point. It is worth people having a look at the different hardware options now available. Interestingly Rugby Council are taking a different approach to West Northamptonshire in that they have gone for multiple locations of street chargers rather than car park positioning.
- (b) Signage for wildflower meadow areas: **ACTION** - Tony to source plywood material if possible.
- (c) Use of the area adjacent to bus shelter area (A45) for extra wildflower area: **ACTION** - members to select suitable photos from own selection to replace current posters; **ACTION** - Alan Mawer to inform Parish Clerk about changes to the mowing regime so that the contractor can be informed.
- (d) A water butt for the orchard area in Jetty Field will probably not be needed due to the established nature of trees, but trees may still need watering in exceptional circumstances.
- (e) B-CAN's 'Advent Calendar' has been posted regularly on both Twitter and The Bugle. However, a better 'link' between the B-CAN Facebook group and The Bugle Facebook group needs to be established. **ACTION** – Helen will investigate further the possibility of posting 'B-CAN' on The Bugle.
- (f) Issues relating to the air pollution monitor will be carried forward to the next meeting.
- (g) Community energy – this item will be carried forward to the meeting in January 2023.
- (h) Finance and bank account – this item will be carried forward to the meeting in January 2023.
2. A discussion about 'articles' written by members (for publication in the BVN) resulted in an agreement that there should be a degree of consensus before publication takes place.
3. The article 'Food for thought!' was discussed and it was agreed that it should be published in the February 2023 edition of the BVN.
4. A short discussion about COP27 highlighted the lack of progress by major countries on keeping to commitments and previous pledges on current levels of emissions - and the ambiguous nature of the promises by wealthy countries to fund 'adaptations' in the 'global south'.
5. Updates on projects: The limited provision of local bus services was highlighted. WNC have appointed consultants to make recommendations for improving commercial services.

Following a request for initial comments, a document (copy attached) was sent by Braunston PC.

6. AOB – David reported by email on a scheme to affiliate B-CAN to a European organisation: 'I have also looked at whether our group may be able to benefit from affiliating with CAN Europe which may give us some materials for us to make use of. I will tabulate what we may be able to benefit from as the subscription is €120.'

A date for the January 2023 meeting was agreed : Wednesday 4 January at 7.30pm.
It will be a hybrid meeting (Village Hall and Zoom – further details with the agenda).