



Bradford Environment Forum Notes of the meeting Thursday 18 June 2020 10.00 – 11.00 am via Zoom

Present: Adele Adams (Better Place) (chair), Rebecca McDonnell & John Evans (Hale Project), Carlton Smith (Bradford Trident), Muppett (CNet), James Craig (Baildon Friends of the Earth), Jamie Saunders (Bradford Council),

In attendance: Wendy Collins (CNet) (minutes)

Apologies: Cllr Caroline Firth (Bradford Council), Richard Nottidge (Baildon Tree Partnership), Gail Smith (YDMT), Dave Robison (Capital of Cycling),

Item	Details	Action by
1.	Welcome, introductions and apologies	
2.	<p>Updates</p> <p>Better Place (Adele): they are starting to get contractors back on site, but with fewer staff due to social distancing. They will be recruiting for an urban ranger soon, collaborating with parks and maintenance who are going to host the ranger one day a week. There is a big push to look at school streets, involving closing roads at school drop off and pick up times. Better place are working with around ten schools on air pollution.</p> <p>Hale Project (Rebecca McDonnell & John Evans): Sonjia has been gathering people to be part of a steering group looking at environmentally friendly options to replace their current bus. Carlton suggested speaking to the Council vehicle depot at Shearbridge. Rebecca is also still organising litter picks.</p> <p>Bradford Trident (Carlton): they have secured £100,000 of match funding for Bradford Community Energy, providing they sell £100,000 of shares. The minimum share allocation is £100 and investors can make staged payments. It is open to anyone over 16 and by buying a share you join Brad Community Energy. They are targeting BD5, but also all BD postcodes, and will also be promoting nationally. Their bike library is back open and pretty busy.</p> <p>CNet (Muppett): the Friends of Dales Bus – in negotiation with Transdev, possibility of a chartered bus service. The group is currently campaigning the government for a better service when lockdown ends. CLLD: cleaner, greener on hold at the moment – Muppett will pass on the information once he has it.</p>	

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	<p>Baildon Friends of the Earth & Capital of Cycling (James): CoC has loaned 140 bikes to NHS staff during the pandemic; they aiming for 200. The Council is currently consulting on the Bradford Shipley Route Improvement Scheme: https://bradford.moderngov.co.uk/mgConsultationDisplay.aspx?ID=236 Baildon FoE is involved in campaigning against Leeds Bradford Airport Expansion. More information can be found on the Group for Action on Leeds Bradford Airport website: https://www.galba.uk/</p> <p>Bradford Council (Jamie):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consultation for West Yorkshire devolution can be found here: https://bradford.moderngov.co.uk/mgConsultationDisplay.aspx?ID=234 – this would mean the election of a West Yorkshire mayor by next May. Some climate agenda will be picked up through this. • The Council also has a social distancing surveys: https://bradford.moderngov.co.uk/mgConsultationDisplay.aspx?ID=235 • Food and food security: Jamie has been having conversations about how to start a growing culture in the district. • Also mentioned were Eco schools and the clean air plan and clean air zone. There is a planned car free day in September and a clean air day on 8 October. • There is a high level piece of work taking place looking at a carbon neutral agenda for NHS and social care services. Car parking at hospitals was discussed – how to encourage people to walk on short journeys. <p>Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (Gail Smith – sent via email): “If anyone is working in or working with groups that fall into Craven YDMT are working with TwoRidings partnership to deliver a Coronavirus Community Fund offering grants of up to £2000 https://www.ydmt.org/what-we-do/community-grants/coronavirus-community-fund</p> <p>All our face to face work is currently on hold but lots of ideas and activities for connecting with the natural world being shared via the Discover pages of our website and across social media https://www.ydmt.org/discover.”</p>	
9.	<p>Future meeting dates</p> <p>Thursday 16 July 2020, 10am via Zoom.</p> <p>Monthly Zoom meetings will be held during this period of lockdown / social distancing.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 11.00 am</p>	