



Sustainable Arnside

Minutes – 15th Oct 2025 at 1930hrs

Meeting held at Arnside Educational Institute (EI), on Church Hill

1. **Welcome from PB** - present: Paul Bates, Helen Thompson, Rachel Dutfield, Alison Sandford, Dan Lucy-Lloyd, Claire Philpott, Viv Mautner, Sue Weldon, Alistair McKinnon, Nick Pearce, Sue Gibbs, Tim Tranter, Val Stevens and Martin Metcalfe.
2. **Apologies and Minutes of meeting 17th Sept 25.** - Apologies were received from Janet Hargreaves, Janet Talbot, Mary Hamilton, Helen Chaffey, Stephen Thompson, Michelle Bates, Steve Porter, Cath Grayson and Bill Grayson. The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.
3. **Bittern Sustainability Conference held by NL and BICC, 15th Nov at the EI** – What are SA going to do for the event?
 - **AK** and **VS** are already running a workshop on plastic on behalf of the BTCIC. It is named 'The Good, the Bad and Muddled'.
 - **All talks and stalls would need to be booked.**
 - **PB** will give a presentation on behalf of SA, explaining who we are, our principles and how we want to work with other organisations for the benefit of Arnside. Ideally, all groups of similar thinking would know one another and help one another.
 - **AS** suggested that the ARC (Arnside Repair Cafe) would have a stall, although she wouldn't be able to attend herself. Perhaps a demonstration of repair or of PAT testing.
 - **PB** suggested that the Thermal Heat Imaging Camera could be used to show the groups and organisations how we help residents during the winter months.
 - **SW** asked how many people would be allowed into the conference? **AK** said quite a lot.
 - **DLL** suggested that we should take along questions that we have i.e. should SA become a charity or a CIC. The advantages and disadvantages. **AK** said that Caz Howard would build in a question and answer session.
 - **AK** asked 'What would we like to learn'? Caz needs to know beforehand so that she can prepare the appropriate workshops.
 - **AK** suggested that we could discuss how groups such as our own, could feed into Government.
4. **Waste and Recycling** - **SW** has been compiling information about all the **recycling** in the area that **Arnside residents might be able to facilitate.**
 - Currently on our website we have a list of recycling services, information that we have taken from the Arnside Village Website. The information is slightly outdated now after a year, when we helped to compile the list. We will pass on any new information we know of to Anne-Marie O'Neill so that both our own website and the AVW is current.
 - **SW** is putting together a document that addresses the wider issue of waste and how we can reduce it in Arnside. How can **Arnside become a Low Waste Village**? The theory behind the message is to reuse and repurpose before recycling. Ideally we would hope most households would work towards having no waste at all. The document will refer to all the services/events we have provided to the residents so far, that help with waste

reduction. Since SA started as an organisation, we have organised events and services such as the Repair Cafe, Plant Swap, Clothes Swap, Fabric and Yarn Swap. It will include all services offered by the council and all other private viable recycling services that we know of.

- We want to educate the public as to what is available to them when reducing their waste.
- We agreed at the meeting that we need all recycling services on our website to be verified. **SW** has made a start here by contacting Morecambe Metals to find out what happens to their metal waste. We don't want to be 'Green Washing' the public ourselves, when our intention is to be honest, informative and clear.
- **SW** has found information on the Council's website about the destination of recycled goods but **not on plastic, this is a concern.**
- **AS** suggested contacting the Waste Reduction Officer at W&F to get suggestions and more information about the recycling at our local recycling centre in Kendal. **What happens to it?**
- We discussed how the village needs more recycling such as lightbulbs, tetra packs, items not collected by the council in the usual cycle. Is the cardboard collection at the railway crossing really necessary, for example, when other items could be collected instead.
- **AS** pointed out that batteries are collected at the Hardware and General Items store in the village. In fact, any shop that sells batteries, legally should provide recycling as well.
- **DLL** pointed out that other businesses and organisations in the village might not know of their legal obligations regarding waste. This could be one of our focuses when we address these groups during The Big Green Week next year.
- **DLL** – We educate the community to be low waste which will in turn reduce the Council's costs.
- **AS** – There must be examples around the country that we can use to help us in our mission.
- **DLL** – Green waste should be an individual's responsibility by composting our own green waste on our property for use in our own gardens, or by using a community compost.

6. **Mini Eco Film Festival to show during COP30 Week** – HT – MH passed on information she had received about the possibility of showing **5 Eco films** for free. This started a discussion about showing them all during **COP30** week and providing for the village, a mini Eco Film Festival. **COP** stands for the **Conference of the Parties**, and is attended by countries that signed the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). This is the 30th conference of its type and is taking place in Brazil.
- **Our Shared Futures: Climate & Migration Community Film Festival 2025**, is the organisation offering the 5 short films.
 - At the same time there is another possibility of showing the **David Attenborough film 'Ocean'**. This film is being offered by **The Climate Coalition** who has an arrangement with **Cinema for All**. This offer comes with a bursary.
 - We will use the **Arnside Sailing Club** and have booked the clubhouse for the 29th of November, afternoon and evening. We plan to show the 5 shorter films in the afternoon with some discussion time. **Our Shared Futures** provide discussion prompts to help with this. The films vary in length with 2 being approximately 1hr 20mins, while another 2 are 20 mins and one only 5 mins. Tea, coffee and cakes would be provided in the afternoon. **Ocean** would be shown in the evening from 1930hrs, the bar would be open in the evening.

- Different technologies are used for the different service providers. The afternoon films will be streamed on the internet while Ocean will be on a Blue Ray disc. **The technologies need to be checked and the equipment at the ASC, cables and disc players etc.**
 - **HT** has spoken with **Barbara Berry from PEAT** (Peninsula Environmental Action Together). PEAT are already members of Cinema for All and can help us by applying for the bursary themselves on our behalf. We would advertise PEAT in our promotions for the event.
 - We wouldn't charge for the films in the afternoon but we might have a small charge for 'Ocean' in the evening. Donation boxes will be on view.
- 6. Water Butts – HT** reported that the trial of 6 water butts had successfully been received and all clients had picked them up. **DLL** said that he was impressed with the quality of the equipment provided. United Utilities have been contacted to say that we are ready for the next, much larger delivery. **We are still waiting to hear about a delivery date for these.**
- 7. Community Composting - HT** was pleased to report that Mr Tom Phillips is willing to head the organising of a community compost site in the village. She has put everyone who was interested in helping with a community compost, **in touch with each other.** We are also **very pleased to announce that the WI are willing to give a space in the garden on Orchard Rd,** for the Compost Bin. The area they suggest has easy access for the public.
- **VS** suggested that SA offer some money to help the Community Composting with buying of equipment etc. **HT** agreed that the suggestion was a good idea.
 - **HT** reminded the group that we said we would offer the Community Composting group insurance.
 - **DLL** said that we could suggest other funding pots that we are aware of to help the composting group.
 - **AM** suggested Tom Phillips could do a talk about his plans. We could invite him to present his ideas at one of our meetings.

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- 1. PB** – We have emailed to everyone on our mailing list the **Healthwatch survey.** The survey is asking how residents get to their medical appointments, doctors and dentist. Is public transport sufficient or do other means have to be used? **We need as many people as possible to fill this in as it may have an effect on decisions made about public transport.**
- 2. VM** pointed out that a message had now appeared in the SA WhatsApp group, about 'disappearing messages'. **HT** was able to switch it off but it was noted that it is easy to tap a button accidentally to start it off again. We don't want our messages to disappear.
- 3. DLL** said he was on the waiting list at W&F for a pilot scheme where residents have a gully in the pavement for on street EV charging. He was disappointed that he hadn't heard anything. **TT** said he was also on the list and had heard that he was getting a gully.
- 4. VS** is looking for a way to map the village for usage of energy systems so that we can see the progress that the village is making regarding moving towards Eco energy systems.
- 5. PB** – SA are being represented at a meeting that has been organised by Laura Thorburn from Greenpeace and the Morecambe and Lunesdale Sustainability Group. Other

organisations will also be represented such as the Quakers, Bittern Trust CIC and Food Futures. We want to ask the MP why she hasn't signed the CAN Bill when it seems such an easy thing to do and that in principle, she seems to support all the points within it.

6. **SW** to continue writing the Low Waste Arnside document. Gather information and research deeper as to how items are being recycled. Is it being done properly?
7. **SW** to contact the Waste Reduction Office at W&F to see how the council is dealing with plastic waste.
8. **HT & PB** to invite Tom Phillips to do a talk at one of our meetings.
9. **DLL** said that as he was in the **Charge UK Open Policy Group**, he would feedback to SA and relevant insights.

Jobs to do

1. **HT, SW, CG, HC** – write a report about how we organised the BGWW from start to finish to help the next group organise the same. What went well and even better if.
2. **DLL, AM** - Continue to upload content onto the website. The rest of SA write up content for the website. **PB**- check content before putting onto the website.
3. **PB** - To refine what we will do during the Big Green Week next year. We have already decided that we will work with Businesses and Organisations but what will that look like?
4. **HT** – To organise the delivery and collection of water butts once UU are ready.
5. **MH, HT, SW & CG** – Organise the Mini Eco Film Festival during COP30. Liaise with the ASC and make sure that the equipment is all working and compatible.
6. **CG & HT** await contact from the Youth Group who said they would be in touch about a possible visit to the group by SA to do an activity of their choice.
7. **PB** to do a talk at the Bittern Sustainability Conference. A workshop for the afternoon involving the ARC and/or the Thermal Imaging group, needs to be organised.
8. **PB, HT, VS, AK, MM & BG** to attend a meeting with Lizzi Collinge MP, 17th Oct.

Our next meeting will be held at the EI at 1930hrs on the 19th of November.