

**Minutes of Ludlow 21 Board Meeting
5th October 2021 via Zoom**

Present – Tish Dockerty, Chris Deaves, Di Lyle, John Daniels, Kim Holroyd, Megan Blackmore

<p>1. Apologies for absence – none</p>	
<p>2. Declarations of interest – none</p>	
<p>3. Minutes and matters arising from last board meeting held on 17th August 2021 The Board agreed the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting. JD clarified that the £300 which had been queried was used for the reprint of the bus timetable. TD still to confirm date of next year’s Green Festival. Change of address: JD had changed address with the bank and emailed accountant to advise re HMRC. MB still to contact organisations in which L21 holds shares, and change on website. CD to send the revised privacy policy to MB for addition to website.</p>	<p>MB CD</p>
<p>4. Follow-up from AGM and future plans Board agreed that the AGM and ‘Green Power Hour’ went very well, and there was a reasonable turnout. The format worked well. Very positive, with some forward-looking content. It is worth keeping the format for future events. TD thanked everyone for their help, in particular Chris for arranging groups to speak.</p> <p>A discussion followed on future direction and plans. KH noted that our bank account is healthy, and there are lots of societal changes coming up. With the breadth of expertise in Ludlow 21, it would be good to put our funds to good use to offer Ludlow something people can get their teeth into with respect to future proofing. Food waste was suggested as an example. CD noted that distribution of surplus food is already handled very well by the Food Bank and Hands Together. CD suggested home insulation could be another topic. KH suggested choosing one topic to avoid diluting our efforts. CD suggested speaking to Jane Cullen re. ‘Climate Conversations’ being run by South Shropshire Climate Action Group. TD had met with Jane re. SSCAG working more closely with L21. We could help with dissemination of information and involving our members, and also with funds. CD commented that we could look at actions in the SSCA Plan which we could be involved in taking forward. It was agreed that Jane should be approached regarding this topic, with a possibility of a discussion at the next Green Drinks.</p> <p>TD had been approached by Shropshire Council re. putting money into the local food economy. One possibility is a community orchard, which Incredible Edible Ludlow are looking into. CD is interested in Young Mental Health and the relationship with L21 – involvement in food / community orchards etc could be very good. There is also a possible link here with the Climate Psychology Alliance (KH reported that a Climate Cafe will be going ahead at the Friends Meeting House and it would be good for L21 to help with publicity)</p>	<p>TD / KH</p>
<p>5. Green Festival It was agreed that a date should be set for an initial planning meeting for 2022, ideally 2nd week in January.</p>	
<p>6. Feedback from affiliated groups</p>	

<p>Sustainable Transport The group met today. It is planned for the cargo bike project to continue after its trial period. There is a need for more businesses to join. The intention is to concentrate on the courier business. DL wondered whether the Chamber of Commerce should be approached. DL is the Town Council rep on the Chamber. KH suggested speaking to Denise Thompson or Islabikes. DL will follow this up.</p> <p>Fairtrade Nothing new to report at present.</p> <p>Climate Friendly Diet The group has been inactive, but may look at resurrecting.</p> <p>Swifts Group not currently active.</p> <p>Education Ian has stepped down. Megan and Chris were also involved in this group. Will think about recruiting new members and possibly working on a climate project. MB to sort out an order of children's books to add to the library donation. Tish has a contact at the library – Angie Watkins. We could ask if we can run a 'green' children's hour at the library. MB to follow up.</p> <p>Incredible Edible Due to meet soon. A seed/potato swap is planned for February. Also looking at setting up a community orchard.</p> <p>Energy Neen Sollars Hydro (in which we have shares) is still running well. CD has been speaking to Solar Coop re rooftop solar. Next stage is to try to get up some community scale projects e.g. home insulation (approx. 1/3 of UK's emissions come from housing.)</p> <p>GSX AGM held recently, with a presentation from Adrian Cooper (Shropshire Council).</p> <p>Plastics CD was not sure if the Ludlow group were still active.</p> <p>Car Club Nothing new to report at present.</p> <p>Food and Farming (Local to Ludlow) Kate and Peter Norman retired. They were presented with a gift at the Local Produce Market's birthday celebrations in the summer. Cafe building is being sold. New landlords have indicated they are happy for L2L to continue trading but not sure yet what the arrangement will be.</p>	<p>DL</p> <p>MB</p> <p>MB</p>
<p>7. Financial Matters £8,702 in current account. Another fraudulent direct debit has appeared on the account. JD is pursuing. The finances for the ground source heat project are all completed, and the associated</p>	

<p>management fees have been added to our funds. Clare Currant has suggested a regular meeting with JD to check through membership subscriptions. JD was in agreement.</p>	
<p>8. Green Drinks KH was unable to attend last time. DL had arrived at 7.25 when there were already four people gathered. Roger Furniss did the necessary ‘hosting’ and there followed a lively, social evening. KH thanked DL for attending to welcome people.</p>	
<p>9. Round-up of local, national and global developments COP 26 is coming up. On Saturday 30th October a ‘raise the alarm’ event is planned in the evening, as a plea to the COP representatives to take action. This will probably take place at Dinham Millennium Green and possibly include lantern making with children. KH to forward info when confirmed.</p>	KH
<p>10. AOB None</p>	
<p>12. Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 16th November. Possible venue Rose & Crown tbc.</p>	