

Frome Area Green Party Members Open Meeting - 1.10.24

Present: Jackie Adkins, Alison Barkshire, Paulette Cappell, Martin Dimery, Mick Dunk, Mikey Gay, Lenka Grimes, Judy Hosegood, Lesley Hughes, Claire Jefferies, Helen Kay, Jane Logie, Robin Logie

Apologies: Gerry Butland, Shane Collins, Mary Housley, Gordon Housley, Roger Saunders, Liza Suturina, Nicola Tanner

Members Meetings

- Decision made to have members meetings every 8 weeks - to be business meetings, with Steering Group (the executive) meeting in the intervening month.
- Vary the day of week.
- Hear what councillors are doing.
- 3 per year could be events/talks & 3 business meetings

Events

- Idea to have a speaker or a film. Link with Sustainable Frome or other groups eg: Community Land Trust, Frome Families for Future, Friends of River Frome?
- Martin and Shane to think of speakers. **Action: Martin & Shane**

Newsletter

- A general feeling that less wordy is better, as the last one was.
- For a couple of members the newsletter made them join GP.
- Don't dumb down. Have at least one article on policy.
- Give links to website for longer articles with QR code.
- Produce electronic version of newsletter for members & on website?
- Robin is still happy to do formatting/layout.
- Roger Saunders has volunteered to help with editing. Mikey will talk to Roger to decide the way forward. **Action: Mikey**

Members' Involvement

- Do a 'phone bank' again as Jane and Nicola did this year. Talk to members and invite involvement. (We have approx 160 members and 320 supporters)
- Suggestions: ask 'Is now a good time to talk?', text in advance of calling, 'In 6 months we will let everyone know the ideas'.

Roles

- A shadow/deputy Co-ordinator to support Jane and take over next year is needed
- Membership Secretary support person. Paulette expressed interest. Paulette will contact Nicola to chat about it. **Action: Paulette.**
- Jane, Paulette, Jackie offered to do phone bank. Jane to ask Nicola. **Action: Jane**
- Press Officer needed
- External Communications overview needed?

Action Points

Martin & Shane to think of speakers to invite to members meetings

Mikey to contact Roger Saunders to decide way forward for newsletter

Paulette to contact Nicola to discuss supporting membership officer role

Jane to ask Nicola to join phone bank