**A Clean Healthy Future for Frome?**

**Public meeting 21 July 2016, Frome College**

About sixty people attended this meeting and after presentations from Mohamed Nasheed (motivational talk by ex-president of Maldives), Professor Richard Pancost (on climate change), Mark Letcher (on practical approaches to becoming carbon neutral), and Anna Francis (on what Frome Town Council is doing). Groups then discussed the questions in the table below.

**Discussion Table Notes**

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| **Questions**: | Should Frome Town Council be taking a lead on the issue of climate change? | Should the council be setting a target in response to COP21 and the Paris Agreement? | Is a commitment to being ‘fossil free’ the right way to frame such a target? | Is Frome becoming fossil free by 2046 too ambitious or not ambitious enough in the light of the changes to the climate system experienced today and anticipated in the future? | Other points/ questions? |
| Group 1 | Yes but community must join in.  Exemplars are good!  Concept village. | Of course | What about 100% renewable Frome?  “Energy independent Frome” | Faster is possible |  |
| Group 2 | FTC should take a lead.  (But not if it takes from other priorities?) | Yes- a goal to aim for | Most people make decisions based on costs.  They need an incentive/ reason for change. | We need optimism! | How can we engage the average person?  Remove key meters.  Plastics recycling.  Water power?  Food Digesters?  Need to target landlords & housing associations re. energy efficiency.  SCC ‘Garden town’ initiative- links with CO2 neutral building? |
| Group 3 | Yes  Mendip council overlap?  Politics-change-stability (people)  (~8 changes over 30 years).  Improve communications (bring your friends). | No  Set own **local** targets based on finance, resources and people. | Fossil free- only part of the story.  Zero carbon is the aim.  Clean healthy Frome. | Only a target- revise regularly.  Car free town centre, free car parks.  Electric shuttle busses. | Energy independent Frome  Frome Model Village  Clean future |
| Group 4 | YES:  Message to community- it’s REAL!  Bottom up. | YES  Continue to make progress | Yes  Plus recycling targets | 30 years not quick enough. |  |
| Group 5 | Yes, why not?  Why only the council- why not Schools, Churches, Chamber of Commerce, Businesses. | Yes  But how do we measure this? | |  | Power doesn’t have to be local  -storage (e.g. Toronto), tidal. |
| Group 6 | Absolutely |  | Show it can be done.  Set (eco) carbon neutral standards. Local tenders must meet standards.  Concept village. | Do what we can with resources available.  Roof water harvesting,  Aquaculture.  Working together with landowners, win –win.  Our laws are no longer applicable to present situations we need to change them.  Cost of housing is forcing out locals and destroying long term community (neighbourly) networks already in place.  Too many fossilised humans! | |
| Group 7 | How do we instigate cultural change? Schools (education), Grass roots. Street level.  Playfulness and creative approach.  What about combined heat and power (CHP)?  How do we move away from over dependence on large centralised systems? | | | | |