

# What Next? General Meeting

Charity Registration Number: 1196404

## 3<sup>rd</sup> General Meeting of What Next?

Date of Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022, 7:30pm

### Invitees

**Board of Trustees:** Mark Bray-Parry, Treasurer (MBP)

Jacqueline Drijver-Ludlam (JDL)

Rieks Drijver (TD)

David Faraday, Chair (DF)

Claire Matthes (CM)

Rob Oulton (RO)

**Members:** Shirley Faraday (SF), Godalming Centre Manager

Richard Ashworth

Suzanne Everest

Tim Moxon

Angela Shaw

Juliet Woolf

Nicola Avery

Ian Coult

**Volunteers:** What Next Volunteers are invited to attend and contribute, however they are not permitted to vote. Only members (which includes trustees) can vote.

### Minutes

Minuted comments are presented for each agenda item in this font and colour.

**ACTIONS ARE IDENTIFIED IN THIS FONT AND COLOUR.**

#### 1. Welcome (DF)

DF welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### 2. Minutes of Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Minutes of this meeting were approved.

#### 3. Updates on Actions from Previous Meeting

##### a. General Letting Agreement

It was reported that the safe guarding clause had been added to the letting agreement.

##### b. Equality, Inclusion and Diversity Policy

It was reported that the Equality, Inclusion and Diversity Policy had been updated and signed-off.

##### c. Other Policy Documents: GDPR / Environment & Sustainability (DF)

See item 4, below.

*d. Expense Claim Form*

It was reported that the expense claim form had been updated.

*e. Claiming Gift Aid*

DF to brief MBP on gift aid claims is pending.

*f. Media, Communications and Promotion Group*

See Item 6, below.

*g. TerraCycle Project*

See item 7d, below.

*h. What Next Lounge Outreach Programme*

There were not enough volunteers to run a stall at the Farnham Sustainability Festival; the pitch was given the WAB XR. We might consider running a stall at the event in 2023.

*i. Other Proposals*

It was reported that no progress had been made with respect to contacting the Godalming Photographic Club or with Social Prescribing.

#### 4. Organisation and Facilities Management

**a. GDPR Policy Document (DF/TM)**

*Notes for information:* TM has kindly drafted two documents (attached) regarding data protection: a volunteer agreement and a policy statement.

*Proposal:* that the attached GDPR Policy document and Volunteer Agreement (amended as necessary post meeting) are adopted by the WN.

Two documents were presented: a Data Protection Agreement - to be signed by volunteers who had access to people's personal data; and, a General Policy relating to GDPR. These documents were briefly reviewed and discussed in the meeting. With minor modifications, it was agreed to adopt these policy documents for use in the charity.

**ACTION:** DF to process documents into the admin system.

**b. Other Policy / Official Documents**

*Question:* what other policy documents should we / must we have?

Again, the possibility of developing a Sustainability Policy for the charity was noted, but it has yet to be actioned.

## 5. Finance and Fundraising

### a. Financial Update (MBP)

*Notes for information: summary will be made available at the meeting.*

MBP reported that he was ill and unable to attend the meeting. There was a brief update on the finances and it was noted that MBP would update the finances to end July as soon as possible.

**ACTION:** MBP to circulate accounts to end of July.

### b. Fundraising and Gift Aid (DF)

It was noted that there were a small number of direct donations since the previous meeting. However, donations that had been received through the Town Council, on the basis of What Next being the Mayor's charity, would not be transferred to the charity until the end of mayoral period in May/June 2023.

## 6. Media, Communications and Promotion Group (TD/JW/SF)

*Notes for information: report back from group.*

*FYI: elements already in place with links:*

*Website: <https://whatnext.earth/>*

*Twitter page: [https://twitter.com/What\\_Next\\_CEC](https://twitter.com/What_Next_CEC)*

*Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WhatNextClimateEmergencyCentre>*

*Nextdoor page: [https://nextdoor.co.uk/g/139sala4c/?is=nav\\_bar](https://nextdoor.co.uk/g/139sala4c/?is=nav_bar)*

*You Tube page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj8H6aOxumIjhn-x-iG7E3Q>*

*Telegram group: [What Next CEC](#)*

It was reported that this group had not met since the last meeting.

**ACTION:** Group to report at the next meeting.

## 7. Project Updates

### a. The Planetarian Food Project (SF/JD)

*Notes for information: DF has completed training for his Level Three Food Hygiene Certificate. We ran our first community cooking event on 8<sup>th</sup> July as part of the Climate Club. We have two more planned events: a supper for visitors from Mayen, Germany (part of the town twinning activity), Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August; a supper for the Godalming Rotarian Group, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November.*

SF updated the meeting on the activities outlined above. She reported that the event planned for the 2<sup>nd</sup> August was likely to involve ~15 guest from Mayen and a small number of the hosts. Planetarian Food dishes would be made in the What Next catering kitchen and also provided by volunteers. Some entertainment would also be provided by You Ukes.

### b. What Next Lounge Outreach Programme (DF)

*Notes for information: we have a series of events planned for Godalming High Street.*

**Event undertaken to date in 2022:**

- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, Godalming Spring Fayre
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May, with Eco-Buskers
- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June,
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June, The Mayor's Garden Party

- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July, with Godalming Climate Forum Members: Godalming Cycle Campaign, Godalming Repair Café, Mind Your Footprint, Waverley and Borders XR AND the What Next Eco-Street Theatre Group presenting the **EARTH SPRITE PUPPET SHOW**

**Forthcoming Events planned for 2022:**

- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August, Godalming Green Gala
- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, with Godalming Climate Forum Members (re-scheduled from 10<sup>th</sup> September, now in **GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK**)
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November, COP27
- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November, Godalming Christmas Fair

*Question: how can we make best use of these opportunities?*

DF reported back to the meeting on the activities relating to the What Next Lounge. In general, it was felt that these regular outings on Godalming High Street were useful in raising the general profile of the charity within Godalming. It was noted that engagement was varied

**c. Eco-Theatre Group & Earth Sprite Project (SF/DF)**

*Notes for information: the new production, the Earth Sprite Puppet Show, presented in our Eco-Puppet Theatre was performed on 9<sup>th</sup> July and will also be performed at the Godalming Green Gala. An Earth Sprite Workshop is planned for Godalming Staycation (13<sup>th</sup> August), along with other Earth Sprite activities.*

It was reported that the Earth Sprite Puppet show was premiered on 9<sup>th</sup> July in Crown Court, three shows were performed for members of the public in Godalming; the show will be performed again at the Godalming Green Gala. An Earth Sprite workshop has also been arranged for Godalming Staycation later this week.

**d. TerraCycle Project (DF)**

*Notes for information: we now have two TerraCycle stations in the Venue, one for plastic packaging (provided by Live Your Values) and one for stationary materials (provided by Evolve Leadteam).*

Tristan Scrivens was approached about putting the Terracycle boxes in the lobby, but it was decided that this would not be appropriate. DF has been monitoring the boxes since the last meeting. The plastic recycle box had been used by a number of members / supporters; the stationary box has had limited use.

**ACTION:** DF to monitor use on-going.

**e. Exhibition Space Project (SF)**

*Notes for information: a new exhibition of art from Art Venture is now on display in the Centre; the Our Other Mother exhibition has been stored and will be re-displayed later in the year.*

SF reported to the meeting that Art Venture, a charity supporting adults with learning disabilities or physical impairments, are currently exhibiting art in the venue produced by their members; all of the art relates to the natural world.

**8. Partnership Project: Godalming Climate Forum & Climate Hub for Godalming (DF/SF)**

*Notes for information: we have previously organised events on behalf of the Godalming Climate Forum and we are planning further events. Alongside this GCF activity, there is a possibility that WN could become a Climate Hub for Godalming with the support of the Godalming Town Council (GTC). It has been suggested that we put a proposal together for GTC to consider (proposal attached).*

*Proposal: that WN submit this proposal (as amended post-meeting) to GTC.*

It was reported that initial discussions had been held regarding What Next becoming a Climate Hub for Godalming. Further progress will be reported to the next meeting.

**ACTION:** DF / SF to follow-up on this project with Godalming Town Council.

## 9. Partnership Project: Repair Café Godalming (DF/IC)

**Notes for information:** this is an initiative from Godalming Rotary. The café will run on the fourth Saturday for each month. SF and DF have attended the two sessions run so far; DF (on a personal basis) has undertaken some PAT Testing.

**Proposal:** that WN actively support and promote this initiative and, as circumstances determine, engage directly with this project.

It was reported that the Godalming Rotarians had successfully launched their Repair Café initiative. It was agreed that What Next should actively support and promote this activity. Both DF and SF will be volunteering for the Café, SF would be organising Tea / Coffee and DF would be providing PAT Testing service. We would also be able to promote What Next at the café sessions.

## 10. Update: What Next as the Mayor's Charity (SF)

**Notes for information:** as of 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022, What Next became the official charity of the Mayor of Godalming.

### a. Activities to Date (SF)

**Notes for information:** the **Mayor's Garden Party** was held on 19<sup>th</sup> June; we attended the High Sheriff of Surrey's promotional event on 23<sup>rd</sup> June; Tales from the Great Wood was presented on 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

SF reported back on the Mayor's Garden Party, which was our first outing as the mayor's charity; this proved a great opportunity to raise awareness of What Next to the broader community in Godalming. SF also reported that 52 tickets were sold for Tales from the Great Wood; including volunteers, the event was attended by over 60 people. Ticket sales yielded an income of £470 and donations and the raffle raised a further £177.02. The cost for the Bad Apple theatre group was £450. As this was an event for the mayor's charity these funds would reside with the town council until May 2023.

### b. The Mayor's Quiz (SF)

**Fundraiser:** annual event for the Mayor's Charity, likely timing November, eco-themed – quiz to be run by DF.

**Notes for information:** this event has now been organised for Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

It was reported that the mayor's quiz was booked for 4<sup>th</sup> November to be held in the Wilfrid Noyce Centre. The event is to be run as a BYO event for both food and drink. There will be a raffle – donations to be sought – and an entry fee: £5 to £10 to be decided. DF will write the quiz and in order to emphasise the climate change related purpose of the charity, the scoring system will be based on carbon emissions – details to follow.

**ACTION:** DF to prepare the quiz; SF to secure raffle prizes.

c. Other Fundraisers (SF)

*Question: how else can we make best use of this opportunities?*

Not discussed.

11. Other Events / Activities / Groups (DF)

a. Current

*Notes for information: listed are current events, activities or groups already established and the individuals with responsibility for these; information for each item can be found on the website:*

**Climate Club** (active, fortnightly, paused for August): David and Shirley Faraday

**Eco-theatre Group** (active, weekly): Shirley Faraday

**Climate Action Workshops** (on demand): David Faraday

*Note: two on-line workshops were held in partnership with Climate Articulate and XR South-East on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July.*

**Climate Action Negotiation Game** (on demand): David Faraday

*Note: a series of negotiation games was run for Godalming College students on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June*

**Take the Jump** (currently paused): David and Shirley Faraday

*Note: Shirley has been in discussion with Tom Bailey from The Jump*

**What Next Library** (permanent): David Faraday and Sue Everest

*Note: Sue has agreed to catalogue our current collection which we can then make public so people can borrow.*

**Make Do and Mend** (now suspended): Catherine Rogan

There was a brief update on other activities. The climate club has been meeting regularly since the last meeting, but will be taking a break through August. The Eco-theatre group would similarly be taking a break after performing at the Green Gala. DF reported that a regular series of on-line Climate Action workshops is planned for the Autumn in collaboration with Climate Interactive.

**ACTION:** DF to arrange and publicise Climate Action Workshop with Climate Articulate.

b. Other Planned Event/s (Open)

Not discussed.

12. Other Project Proposals

*Notes for information: proposals can be initiated at any time and then formally adopted at a subsequent GM. The proposer should simply confirm that they fall within our stated charitable purpose, if there is any doubt the proposer should consult a trustee.*

*Question: are there any other proposals that anyone wishes to initiate and lead at this point?*

Not discussed.

13. Recruiting Members, Volunteers and Supporters

*Notes for information: all members of the founding group accepted invitations to become members. On-line forms have been set up on the website for each category and for donations, you can review these here: <https://whatnext.earth/get-involved/>*

*Question: how will we recruit additional members, volunteers and supporters?*

Not discussed.

14.Any Other Business

15.Date of Next General meeting Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022