1. Feedback from Climate Champions meeting
   a) Electric car charging points
   b) Recycling new projects
   c) Active Travel Act submissions
   d) Crocodile Bus project.
2. Community Energy project funding update (Andy Green)
3. Active Travel Act. Cycling groups submission (Jack Thurston)
4. Engagement with MCC Planners: losses and gains
5. Seedy Sunday arrangements (Richard Lewis)
6. Lion St/ Frogmore St update.
7. JUST FOOD recent initiatives. Market Hall (Jeremy Gass)
8. Community Orchard + IE initiatives (Simon B)
10. Well Being Plan submission: Any comments?
11. A.O.B: St Johns Square planters: Monk St tree felling

Present: Simon Bilsborough (Chair), Mary Ann Swanson, Steve Harris, Paul Rennie, Nick Tatam, Fraser Stephens, Jack Thurston, Freddy Edmonds, Jeremy Gass.
Apologies: Mary Morgan, Francis Buxton, Paul Clifford
Climate Champions meeting Chepstow 24th January 2018

• New building for recycling items for sale, run by *Community Home Makers* due in February or early March on Abergavenny Waste Transfer station site. **Unresolved issues between MCC and Community H.M. on division of responsibilities and controls. No deadline date for installation confirmed. Site location not yet resolved.**

• Discussion led my MCC’s Mark Touhig about Monmouthshire’s outsourcing of recycling. (note only 2% was to China before; now ceased). Material goes through recycling plant Avonmouth and waste for Energy plant. Invite Touhig to ATT? **Agreed PH to invite to next meeting if possible**

• Abergavenny Pilot of separating glass bottles successful. Rolling out across county when new collection vehicles arrive.


• Do Schools still have Travel Plans? PH to check David Best and Rod Cunningham. Is Crocodile Bus part of it. Insurance issues still prominent.
Climate champions contnd

• 20 Electric recharging points at private sector leisure/tourism places in Monnmouthshire by Phil Powell Gwent Energy but note 3-6 hour full charge../ List of locations circulated with these minutes. JG can re-charge his electric car in 45 minutes at home. Eco-Tricity has information on charging network points.

• Hydrogen refuelling point to come in Abergavenny Bus station car park. (MCC pilot of 20 Hydrogen cars.) members at meeting applauded innovation/experiment, even if potential problems found too great.

• Electric recharging points to come in Public car parks, one in each of major settlements. PH to check deadlines on these with Hazel Clatworthy

• **MCC Well Being Plan** comment submission deadline 7th February. PH has circulated members with draft submission. Submission was sent in.

• Happiness Pulse survey sent round ATT members twice. No feedback

• EU Energy Week this year. Better to have events when they fit rather than cram into one week. ATT Members to let PH know if they have an event they would like to run in the summer. Open House visits are popular.
The 3.6KW locations would take 3-6 hours for a full re-charge

### List of Fully charged electric car charger installation

Chargers in black installed under the fully charger grant scheme. The chargers in brown are public and have payment facilities.

Facilities such as toilets and refreshments are either on site or within a short walk if indicated yes below.

Customers are advised to book the charger in advance and bring their own cable as they are all universal sockets.

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Abergavenny Community Energy

- Report submitted for funding in early January: Update by ACE’s Andy Green on progress.
- Andy Green not present at meeting. PH to check with Andy on update on response from award giving body.
Active Travel Act submissions

• ATT submitted (visually) suggestions for pedestrian improvements in the town (Plus some cycling ones)
• ACG Abergavenny Cycling group submitted also a full set of suggestions. Jack to circulate copy to ATT members or executive summary.
• These projects will be considered and prioritised in a list by Capita (across Monmouthshire; overall budget for this year £175K) and then submitted to MCC. Likely to be small projects easy to achieve, that will win out.
• (Christian Schmidt was at Climate Champions meeting. He is very focussed on Abergavenny Station bridge/lift challenge at the moment.(besides City Deal)
Engagement with MCC planners

• Two contrasting stories:

  1. Despair at nature of Morrisons to Market St link:
     • Letter to Cllr Bob Greenland/ Cllr Peter Fox/ Mark Hand, Highways etc. No acknowledgement or reply
     • Meeting on site 22nd January with Councillors and voluntary bodies and Officers. (Morrisons not listening:) Other issues may get resolved. Ongoing.

  2. Meeting with Benjamin Terry (MCC Urban Designer and landscape Architect) about setting Urban Frameworks for future sites and inserting them as guidance in LDP. Very positive and promising. PH to keep members posted on progress on this. Already fixed a regular series of site meeting.
SEEDY SUNDAY MARCH 11TH @ Abergavenny Community Centre: Time s to come

Need people to make cakes, liase with Jane Dixon: Sorted
jane.llewellyndixon@btopenworld.com

Richard Lewis may still need help with his stall: need to have seed knowledge. Contact richard@middleninfa.co.uk
Now sorted.

Many other stalls will be there including Andy Green’s Green Park Power and Tools for Self Reliance and Bees and ATT/IE-Community orchard + ATT’s Anti Plastics group.
Celebrate our eighth year

SEEDY UNDAY

Swap seeds and plants or donate for new seeds
Get information on:
- how to save bees and how to reduce plastic waste in the oceans
- batteries for renewable energy
- buying quality garden tools from Tools for Self Reliance and aid Tanzanian artisans
- volunteering at the Community Orchard and Incredible Edibles

Homemade cakes,
Fair Trade coffee & teas

Tools for Self Reliance
Buy new trees and shrubs from Carrob Growers, chat to Robert Boyle about pruning
Talk to Green Park Power about battery storage solutions

For children...
- make posies for Mothering Sunday
- make bumble bee nests

Abergavenny Community Centre
Park Street, Abergavenny, NP7 5YB
please use car park off Merthyr Road

abergavennytransition.org
Public realm update

• MCC Press release commented on by ATT: seems to be in FOCUS
• Work begun on Lion St. by Griffiths.
• Location of new bus stop near corner of King Street to Lion St junction being worked on by Capita. **Location now agreed in Lion Street at Market St/Lion St junction.**
• Effort by everyone to attain better link Market St to Morrisons- a wasted effort. Complaint letter formally sent to MCC politicians by all concerned.
• Still awaiting confirmation from MCC Highways on a whole raft of other items concerning Lion St. **Progress on this is almost daily, but still uphill going!**
• No volunteer involvement invited for public information on the project to be in site huts and One Stop Shop. **Reported poor showing at One Stop shop. ATT needs to impress on Highways need for better visual and verbal communication with public.**
• Pressing for further discussion on detail on Frogmore St. **Email sent 19.02.18**

FROGMORE ST  LION ST
JUST FOOD

- Pilot interviewing of Market Stall Holders by Jeremy Gass done Friday 26th Jan. More interviews conducted 30th jan. Seeking to measure impact of Morrisons. JG reported findings to date. Will summarise and circulate to those interested.

- Attending regional food sourcing conference at National Botanic Gardens Friday Feb 9th. (Jeremy, Ruth, Jane, Patrick and Pam Mason). Good regional contacts made. Just food to develop

- A CAT student employed at an Architects firm in Cardiff has done a well being analysis related to food output of Abergavenny’s eating and food sale places. PH to invite him to present.

- The Town Clerk has offered a date in March to present Food Manifesto to the Council's Project Committee - Mar 29th, with the possibility of doing it on Feb 22nd if someone drops out.

- Marion at the Community Centre is interested in the idea of the launch being there.
Community Orchard + IE

Well attended and jolly WASSAILING event in orchard Saturday 20th January (although not many new faces!)

- IE beds in Orchard needs some maintenance: date to be announced. JLD to arrange meeting of IE Community Orchard to sort pruning date and other works.
- Sign board re-briefed to be in metal following burning of adjacent Copse sign-board. JLD to chase progress on this at IE/Community Orchard meeting.
Community Orchard securing and repositioning the benches

Benches relocated to the perimeter and secured.
Community Orchard Tree damage

Need to counter *positively*. Notice needed on gate for welcome BUT respect the trees. **Update:** damage to trees seems to have stopped and since benches properly re-located things seem to settling down. Still need for vigilance.
Community Orchard: Pond leaks (?) and filling

Pond appears to be filling up despite fears of leaks earlier. **Planting of area around pond, date to be arranged at IE meeting:** Pond still full now 19.02.18
Abergavenny Futures an exhibition to explore with the public responses to the LDP

- Too much a place to get old?
- Very little done to house younger people and offer employment.
- No space to attract starter businesses
- Housing market will not provide for those who need housing; need for alternative routes.
- Hospital changes may have major impact on town economy.
- More expansion of Abergavenny / Llanfoist or a new town at Raglan?
- Dormitory town or live and work town?
- Can we expand horticulture as an attractive local employment opportunity.
- How productive is local farming land? And so on ..........

Needs names for two groups. Not the usual faces. Send to Jack Thurston suggestions mail@jackthurston.com

1. Content/strategies / issues / questions
2. Communications / graphic skills

Needs poets and artists. Plain language not planning language.
Needs inspirational speakers and participative events.
Link to Schools / Eco groups
Challenge trends in existing LDP
Get ahead of MCC in thinking.....
Recent Submissions to MCC

- Comments have gone in to MCC planners on McCarthy & Stone Tudor St project plus adjacent Newbridge House. Circulated to ATT members. ATT Chair was invited ahead of Town Council Planning Committee to provide information on key issues. May develop into a Design Review Panel for Committel at later date.

- **Submission on MCC Well Being Plan** sent in January 5th Deadline. circulated with encouragement to ATT members to send in personal comments by Feb 7th deadline. ATT hopefully to be invited to next PSB workshop. This has now occurred.

- **Submission to Draft LDP review** sent in. Circulated to Members. Will keep members posted if any response. So far none received. Submission acknowledged.
Exit a phalanx of magnificent trees
Monk Street Churchyard Willows gone
.....supposedly honey fungus disease
But why leave roots in the ground? ATT to pursue.
Need to sort the planters in St John’s Square

Installed under an MCC Highways budget: originally planted by Sarah Price Landscape Architect.

MCC won't pay for ongoing seasonal planting and maintenance.

Town Council has more pressing calls on their small budget.

ATT suggest all those who live/work on the square contribute to a budget

But we must know what a proper budget is, and then who can do the watering.

STILL NO PROGRESS ON THIS: NEED ACTION:

Note hopefully Abergavenny in Bloom being re-thought by Town Council. ATT to liaise on that.
The power of public procurement

France has announced that at least half of all food bought by the public sector must be organic or locally produced.

Reported in Politico, the French government will force an uptake of local and organic food by 2022.

The march of Artificial Intelligence. But what are the supposed new jobs and skill sets to be generated by it? Sources?

Amazon Go: convenience and concern at new checkout-free corner shop

For the **latest** time period, September to November 2017, the UK **employment** rate for people was 75.3%, up from 74.5% for a year earlier and the joint highest since comparable records began in 1971.

ONS stats 24.01.18

HOW DO THESE THINGS BELOW TALLY WITH THAT?

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**Rough sleeping in London and the rest of England has increased**

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**Society**

**Number of rough sleepers at record high**

By Jack Hardy

More people are sleeping rough on the streets of England than at any point this decade, with numbers rising 7% per cent since 2014, figures show.

Local authorities estimated there were around 4,751 rough sleepers on a single night in autumn 2017, according to data from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

That represented a 15% per cent rise on the previous year, when the total stood at 4,134, and the highest number since comparable records began in 2010.

In 2014, the figure was nearly three-quarters lower, at 2,744.

Homelessness charities called the trend a "catastrophe" and called on the Government to step up its work to end destitution.

Polly Neate, of Shelter, said: "These figures expose the worst pain inflicted by our housing crisis. We have failed as a society when so many are forced to sleep rough."

The Government said it was investing £1bn and setting up a taskforce to tackle rough sleeping.

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**Personal finance**

**Two thirds of Britons are 'chronically broke'**

Economic insecurity is the "new normal" in the UK, with at least 70% of the working population "chronically broke", according to the Royal Society of Arts thinktank.

An RSA/Populus survey of more than 2,000 workers found that 30% said they lived comfortably, 40% said their finances were permanently precarious and the rest were not managing to get by, while 32% have less than £500 in savings and 41% less than £1,000.

Fewer than half of employees (44%) feel they have progressed in their careers over the past five years; only 40% feel they have good opportunities to progress in future.

Amelia Hill

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**The rate of increase of overall police recorded crime is accelerating...**

![Graph showing crime rate increase](image)
Listen to leader of the Welsh Tories, South Glamorgan farmer Andrew T Davies on Question Time with Leanne Wood, Nia Griffiths and Stanley Johnson. [http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b09m1c4s](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b09m1c4s) starts 20.24 ends 35.12

Why are Welsh farmers exporting most of their lamb to France but are then worried that post-Brexit there will be an invasion of NZ lamb into the Uk shops and that tarrifs will rise on their lamb exports to the EU and yet 60% of young farmers voted for Brexit and see it as an opportunity? Why do they want to sell all their milk to China and Russia and not here????
British have worst diet in Europe

» Nation’s fondness for ultra-processed meals significantly raises the risk of obesity, heart attacks and strokes
» Britons are consuming four times as much junk food as diners in France, Greece and Italy

Is that 23% figure because of all the fruit and veg people want to consume only 23% of it can be grown in the UK Climate?

Will the UK put higher tariffs on EU food imports post Brexit leading to a consequent price rise in the shops or will they leave them as they are?

PH to invite Jack Davies, a CAT student (also resident of Abergavenny), to present his Well-being map analysis of food outlets in Abergavenny to a future meeting
ATT has suggested similar to MCC in Well Being and LDP submissions.

Labour is considering forcing landowners to give up sites for a fraction of their current price in an effort to slash the cost of building council houses.

Under the legal change proposed by the shadow housing secretary, John Healey, landowners would have to sell sites to the state at knockdown prices.

Landowners currently sell at a price that factors in the dramatic increase in value when planning consent is granted. It means a hectare of farmland worth £20,000 can sell for closer to £2m if it is approved for housing.

Labour believes this is slowing housebuilding by hugely increasing the costs. It is planning a new English sovereign land trust with powers to buy sites at closer to the lower price.

This would be enabled by a change in the 1961 Land Compensation Act so the state could compulsorily purchase land at a price that excluded the potential for future planning consent.

Healey’s analysis suggests it would cut the cost of building 100,000 council houses a year by almost £10bn to about £16bn. With the so-called “hope value” removed from the price of land, the cost of building a two-bed flat in Wandsworth, south-west London, would be cut from £380,000 to £250,000, in Chelmsford it would fall from £210,000 to £130,000 and in Tamworth in the West Midlands, where land values are lower, it would drop from £150,000 to £130,000.

The Labour MP said: “Rather than letting private landowners benefit from this windfall gain, and making everyone else pay for it, enabling public acquisition of land at nearer pre-planning permission value would mean cheaper land, which could help fund cheaper housing.”

The proposal is likely to face strong opposition from landowners, including many pensioners.

More on this to come in next ATT meeting.

NEXT MEETING
March 8<sup>TH</sup>
7.15PM at Abergavenny Community centre