

Summary of September 2020 meeting of BCDT

Formal meetings of BCDT have now resumed after a lengthy period of inactivity due to the lockdown caused by the Coronavirus pandemic. Zoom meetings were trialled during the lockdown, although lack of activity by the Trust meant that there was little or no formal business to discuss.

Projects that the Trust wished to undertake at the time of the start of the lockdown were reviewed, and, although we are still unable to meet face to face, or undertake any community activities as yet, it was decided that some activities could be initiated in a limited way. We agreed that support should be given to any measures which would contribute to addressing the climate change emergency. Sustainable travel, home energy advice, tree planting in the parish, where appropriate, and environmental improvement – such as litter removal – were all agreed to be sensible ways in which the Trust could make a difference.

Community meetings are unlikely to be possible for some time yet, and BCDT zoom meetings will continue on a regular basis for the foreseeable future. However, as, during the lockdown, it became apparent that EDC proposed to close the Church Hall as a polling station, the Trust will look at facilities at the hall and will work with the Church to try and address some of the more pressing problems which may have led to EDC making this decision.

A formal AGM of BCDT should be held in November, but as there has been little or no activity for many months, it may be held over until the new year.