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Minutes of the East of Eden Mission Community Steering Group Meeting 06/06/19

Present : Helen Armstrong, Revd Katharine Butterfield, Lydia Catt, Philip Catt, Kathleen Doidge-Harrison, Bryan Gray (Chair), Revd Stephen Pye, John Slee, Ray Wager, Revd Les Wallace

Apologies: Jim Butterworth, Mark Houston, Judith James

Katharine opened the meeting with prayers.

1. Council Meeting

The meeting discussed arrangements for the first EEMC Council Meeting to be held on Thursday, 18 July, at Langwathby Methodist Church. The meeting will start at 7.15pm, with refreshments available from 6.45pm. Each place of worship will be asked to send one representative.

Action: BG will circulate a reminder of who is doing what and will produce an agenda. Staff to contact representatives.

2. Database Management

Peter Pickthall has offered to supervise this for the EEMC.

Action: BG to ask Peter to contact Avril and ask her to use the information he can supply to create an EXCEL database.

3. Social Media

Peter Pickthall has attended a day conference on *The Digital Age* and felt that it is something the EEMC should be looking at though he himself does not have the necessary skills.

Action: Invite Peter to a Steering Group meeting to discuss the use of social media.

4. Planet Emergency

Glassonby Parish Council has declared a planet emergency. Dori Henderson has produced a paper to highlight ways in which we can act to help avert climate disaster.

Action: Invite Dori to a SG meeting to discuss how the EEMC should act.

5. Chris Harwood

Chris is a Pioneer Mission Minister and has an involvement with the OP SHOP initiative.

He is to be invited to speak at the Harvest Festival service at Renwick on 29 September and at the Little Acorns service at Gamblesby at 2pm on the same day. **Action: BG**

6. Steering Group Roles

BG reported that the roles of Treasurer, Communications Manager, Database Manager, Buildings Advisor and Safeguarding Officer have been filled but that there is a vacancy for a Secretary.

Action: BG to approach Clare Hansford. SP to supply her email address.

7. Stewardship

Action: KB to contact Sophie Hodge and invite her to an SG meeting prior to asking her to preach at a Mission Community service.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 30 July, 4.30pm, at Langwathby Methodist Church.