**Notes of meeting Whalley Range Climate Action Group meeting 7.9.19**

1. We shared what we have been doing about the climate emergency over the summer - Northern Rebellion, Non Violent Direct Action training, work on trees, clean air, stalls, climate emergency reading/learning, retrofit, growing food, walking, cycling, sustainable eating and more.

2. **Action groups**

***Clean air* -** supported the Manley Park school road closures on Clean Air day, follow up meetings with the school, meeting arranged with the deputy head of St Margarets school, contact made with William Hulme school

***Stalls -*** stalls at 6 community events over the summer. The stalls group is developing activities to attract people - fortune teller, climate seesaw (in progress) R suggested climate emergency snakes and ladders. Invited to join the group planning the Alexandra Park 150 anniversary - suggested working towards a carbon neutral park

***Trees* -** contacted Ben Greenaway, suggestion for talk, research

***Film night* -** Wajda at Coffee Cranks on 5 October 7 for 7.30 start - organised in partnership with Bike Hive and CoffeeCranks.

***Traders* -** Denise, a local hairdresser will run a session to teach people to use sustainable ingredients make their own skin and hair products. A local removals person is doing house clearances in a sustainable way and trying to persuade others to do so.

3. **Group action over the next few months/year** - consolidate priorities from group members, local people and the evidence base/action plan.

**Action: People who signed up to groups get together to work on the issue. Please contact someone in the group if you would like to join a group - or me if you don’t know who the initials are!!**

**Make the Whalley Range Climate Action group more visible
Action: Will set up a Facebook page JE, J and GS.
Can anyone set up a web based mailing list for us?**

Possible website, Tee shirts, banner, flyers. There were differing views so no decision made - find a solution at the next meeting.

**Stalls**

Stalls at local Autumn and winter events. JW,AD, R, JE

**Healthy Streets**

work with local schools, street closures, car free days, walk /ride street map, link to collaborative practice and health services AD, JW, MM, AS, TG, JT

**Contact organisations, groups, schools, businesses in the community**

use existing groups as a starting point - CP to provide

FC

**Trees**

Spread understand about the importance of the natural environment, invite BG to discuss, raise awareness of the impact of paving drives, tree wardens, Woodland Trust. See useful links paper attached

FC, HF, S, CP, JT, J

**Space for sharing information**

Collect and make accessible information, e.g. research, retrofit, etc

GS, AS

**Discussion about different responses to the climate emergency ((eg XR, anticapitalism, local sustainability)**

discuss questions people are raising, time limited dedicated time slot in our meetings, intellectual basis of inclusion

JE, JT

**Organise a neighbourhood event (e.g. peoples or citizens assembly, conference other)**

longer term - needs a lot of groundwork planning, funding

Do we want to do this with another area e.g. Chorlton

AD, CP, JE?

**Schools Climate Strike - 20 September 2019**

The UK Student Climate Network is calling everyone to join in a global mass climate strike.

The main action in Manchester will take place in St Peters Square 10 -4 - details here

<https://www.manchesterfoe.org.uk/events/event/manchester-global-climate-strike-hosted-by-youthstrike4climate/>

They may also want more stewards - AD to send details

**XR International Rebellion**

**In London from 7 October. The North West are organising one of the sites and all invited to support. Link to the sign up form.** [**https://actionnetwork.org/forms/international-rebellion-london/?link\_id=6&can\_id=99171221dc474aca24ba099b2a1b61f5&source=email-october-7th-is-coming-get-ready-for-rebellion&email\_referrer=email\_612847&email\_subject=october-7th-is-coming-get-ready-for-rebellion**](https://actionnetwork.org/forms/international-rebellion-london/?link_id=6&can_id=99171221dc474aca24ba099b2a1b61f5&source=email-october-7th-is-coming-get-ready-for-rebellion&email_referrer=email_612847&email_subject=october-7th-is-coming-get-ready-for-rebellion)

**Next meetings**

**5 October, 2 November 11 - 1 at JNR8 Youth and Community Centre, 82 Cromwell Avenue, Whalley Range, M16 0BG
All welcome to stay and eat lunch together - bring vegetarian /vegan food if you can**