

Arundel Town Council - Link Councillor Report

Agenda 21

Agenda 21 was formed in 1997. The group held their AGM on 13th January 2022 and Kay Wagland was re-elected as Chair.

Key priorities for the year:

- Initiatives to improve wildlife habitat and increase bio-diversity at Ford Road Cemetery.
- Support for a tree planting initiative on Canada Road – in association with the deputy tree warden, Fiona Keating.
- Support and encourage the Arundel Sustainable Market led by Pip Young.
- General support for compostable coffee cup initiative.
- Promotion and support to encourage car sharing (see below).

Events:

The annual seed swap was held at the Victoria Institute on Sunday 27th February.

Car Sharing Initiative

Kay Wagland has shared a car with a friend for a number of years and the arrangement works very well, saving on running costs and providing a more sustainable way of owning a vehicle. Kay has asked whether the Council would be prepared to promote this and facilitate the bringing together of individuals who may be interested in adopting this model.

I have contacted Gill at the Bell and she is prepared to run a piece which would be written by Kay, explaining the way the arrangement works; with a picture of Kay and her friend with the car.

To capture any interest generated by the article, I propose that it includes a statement asking interested parties to contact the Council so that their names can be held on a register where they will be matched with others. We would need to ensure that Data Protection rules are adhered to – and clearly the Council would take no responsibility for the subsequent arrangements between individuals. We could, perhaps, make available a FAQs sheet to help identify some of the practicalities, but this would be guidance only.

Approval

Maintaining the list should not be a significant administrative burden and is a way of supporting an innovative sustainability initiative. I am asking for confirmation that Council supports the setting up and maintenance of a list of potential car sharers.