

Session 3: Local Government Responsibilities:

Date: Friday 2nd October

Time: 7:30 to 8:30pm

Speaker: Dr Jacqueline Homan, Head of Environment WMCA



Janet Vaughan: Hi I am Janet, Justice and Peace Commission Administrator
Anna OConnor: Hi Everbody good evening.
carthurs: Good evening all: glad to be back. Catherine
Anna OConnor: I'm Anna a sister of St Paul at Selly Park,
Barbara Nicholson: Barbara from Lichfield
carthurs: Catherine: from St Michael's Penn
Phil Mayland: Hi Phil, Newcastle under Lyme, Member of Commission, CAFOD Volunteer Campaigns, parishes, schools.
Nuala Palmer: Nuala palmer from Wolverhampton
Ray: Hi everyone I'm Ray from Columbans.
Jim: Good evening everyone. I'm Jim Quinn from Redditch.
Ann Kelly: Hello, Ann Kelly here from Birmingham
Clare Turnbull: Good evening, Clare Turnbull from Sacred Heart, Rugby, here.
Stephen Crisp: hi there from Angela Crisp St Marie's Rugby
iPad: hi everyone Margaret Breen
Jacinta McKillon: Hi from Our Lady of the Angels Nuneaton
Maggy: Good evening everyone, I'm Maggy from our Lady of the Wayside, Shirley
cathy: Cathy Wattebot Coventry St Joseph the Worker
Janice and Brian Austin: from Catholic Leamington J&P/LiveSimply Parish/CAFOD
Sharon Chambers: Evening All! Sharon here from St. George's, Shoeburyness in Essex, and Editor of the NJPN W-Bulletin
Sr Anne Obrien: Sr Anne O'Brien FMDM Coventry. Hi everyone
Janet Ward: Janet Ward St Thomas More Coventry
Geoff Thompson: hi from Preston, Lancaster J&P commission and NJPN, Geoff
Gerard Murray: Fr Gerry Commission Sacred Heart Rugby
Joanne O'Meara: Good evening - Joanne O'Meara - CAFOD
Convent Nuneaton: Hello everyone from Sr. Therese, Presentation Convent,
Annie Curran: Hi everyone - Annie Curran from Warwick
Jenny ARMSTRONG: hello - Jenny Armstrong LEAMINGTON SPA
carthurs: How can planned housing be eco-friendly? We see planning permissions given that circumvent eg social housing needs, and designs that are old-fashioned.
Phil Mayland: Question: Aviation is a large contributor to carbon emissions. How does Birmingham Airport, and other smaller airports, fit into your plans?
carthurs: Schools: No incentive to spend scarce resources on buildings projects eg solar panels which would ease budgets; Academies charged business rates so waste not necessarily "triaged". What can help?

Janet Vaughan: Why are builders allowed to cut down trees with TPO's?

Jenny ARMSTRONG: Will Brexit make a difference ie less grants, different regulations?

Ann Kelly: Has any consideration been given to the feasibility of free public transport and improving bus services to reduce socio-economic inequality and discourage use of cars?

Local authorities can only do what their legal powers allow them to do, Do your constituent authorities and the WMCA have the right legislative tools or do you need more "freedom of movement from central govt'?

Maggy: From Maggy in Shirley. Was I the only one to lose connection for about 15 minutes?

Anna OConnor: Have you any plans to improve Recycling in the area. We have no food recycling and the whole system seems confused.

Jim: I didn't lose any connection.

Janice and Brian Austin: A great talk Jackie, thanks. It's good to see that there is movement towards a greener future being taken by such a large authority, albeit later than many of us would have liked. I hope that these ideas could be transferred to the Birmingham Archdiocese which has yet to endorse an Environmental Policy. What progress is being made there?

Anna OConnor: Congratulations this is good news, but How do you plan to educate the majority of people.

Clare Turnbull: Can you envisage a way in which Birmingham Diocese and its many parishes could engage with or feed into WMCA's 2041 plan? Much work already happens at grass roots level and parishes could be an excellent conduit for spreading environmental messages and co-ordinating action.

carthurs: How efficient are information exchanges? In Cambridge there is an environmentally friendly mosque of new build- and a college 2 miles away with a new-build wing not even using newer heating strategies -the commissioning college feels a little shamefaced , its architects clearly not putting forward a green agenda.

Ann Kelly: I understand the West Midlands Pension Fund has £187m invested in fossil fuels. Are WMCA doing anything to encourage divestment?

Janet Vaughan: Would it help if all new builds had solar panels - could this be compulsory

Phil Mayland: thank you very much. A very informative presentation. Is there any 'give' in your plans so you could bring the target date forward.

Clare Turnbull: Thank you. Really interesting.

Jenny ARMSTRONG: thanks very much - very interesting indeed.

Sharon Chambers: Thank you! Very interesting to hear the work being done.

Joanne O'Meara: Thank you Jackie, I look forward to hearing more in due course

Phil Mayland: Good night all. Thanks.

Jim: Must leave now. Thanks again Jackie. Goodnight all.