

Portreath CAN Update: 2nd November 2020

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1. Portreath CAN is just finalising arrangements with Love Portreath to combine the two groups. Love Portreath has been struggling to retain its membership recently but it has a strong name and profile, social media pages, and a constitution with similar objectives and so it makes sense to have just one organisation. The name will therefore become Love Portreath CAN. (Climate Action Network)
2. The membership is growing and is attracting people with experience in all sorts of helpful areas who are happy to take on specific projects that they are interested in. So far, recruitment has mainly been by word of mouth, but once we launch the new combined CAN, it will be easier to engage with more people as we start to use social media.
3. We are creating a structure that allows small teams to work on projects with a lead person. All the leads will meet at least once a month (Covid responsibly) to share progress. Sophie Orme and Brigid Clarke will co-chair for the time being. Beyond those directly involved we aim to build up an email list of people that we can keep up to date with activities and ask to provide support when needed.
4. To date the first tier of projects currently being worked on are as follows
 - Tree planting 40 saplings supplied by The Woodland Trust and secured by Love Portreath for the school.
 - Rewilding the old crazy golf site. We are pleased to hear that the Environment Agency will be clearing and seeding the site. We have linked with Cornwall Council to try to secure some permanent signage once we see what grows. As per Roger Symond's suggestion, we'd like to look at ways of making the site accessible (seats etc) so that it could be enjoyed (but still protected) once it has established itself.
 - Water refill Project-will be seeking support from PIC
 - Community green tariff – looking at potential for switching electrical suppliers to green energy, at a discounted rate
 - Reducing food waste – reviewing composting options (Community v individual)
 - Household energy saving measures (using thermal imaging to identify leaks) also help with Green Homes Scheme
 - Communal Electric car charging points – looking at grant opportunities.
5. We continue to support on-going initiatives such as beach cleaning and litter picking and we are attending the CPIR Climate Action Group monthly meetings on behalf of the Parish.
6. Funding Considerations

At this point, the only activity that is likely to require support from PPC is for a contribution to the cost of electric charging points. Grants of up to 75% are available subject to certain conditions and at this point, we need to do further research before we can put any figures together.