

**Notes of Macctastic Eco Network Open Meeting – 20th Jan 2020,
St Michael’s Church, Macclesfield.**

“20’s already Plenty for 21m people in the UK - Why 20’s Plenty for Macclesfield” presented by Rod King, MBE, Founder and Campaign Director.

20’s Plenty for Us

...making your place a better place to be

Rod King, Founder and Campaign Director, gave an excellent presentation about the “20’s Plenty”, a campaign for 20mph to become the default speed limit on residential and urban streets.

Rod explained that this can be done on most streets without the need for any physical calming and is becoming a global standard for cities and villages. The campaign seeks to transform the way our urban and village roads are shared, with 20mph speed limits resulting in safer, less polluted streets.

Formed in 2007, there are now over 450 20’s Plenty and Low 30 campaigns in communities in the UK, Ireland, Australia, Canada and USA. With 1/3rd of the UK population now living in towns with a “Total 20’ policy, these communities enjoy:

- Reduced road danger and safer roads for children
- Reduced Emissions
- Reduced Noise Pollution
- Increased User Justice
- Increased Active Travel (cycling and walking).

Rod explored how Cheshire East could set a 20 mph limit for most roads, emphasizing that setting a 20 mph limit outside schools does not protect children adequately - rather, 20 mph limits are required for the entirety of their school route.

Studies have shown that children below the age of 14 are unable to accurately assess the speed of oncoming cars over 20 mph, with collision rates as high as 1 in 20 for a 10 year old attempting to cross a road in 25 mph traffic.

Starting a 20's Plenty campaign was discussed and Rod explained that these are most successful when they are community led, but establishment endorsed. Many people in the audience were in agreement that this should be considered for Macclesfield.

Further information about the 20's Plenty campaign can be found at <http://www.20splenty.org/>.

Macctastic's Transport Groups next meeting is Tuesday 11th Feb at 7.30pm in the Park Tavern. Come along if you are interested in getting involved or to discuss setting up a 20's Plenty campaign in Cheshire East / Macclesfield. You can get in touch with the Transport group by emailing David at transport@Macctastic.org.

Other News

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We are formalising our group structure and have written a constitution to become an Unincorporated Association. The main reason to do this is to allow the group to fund raise to promote current and future projects.

An Unincorporated Association is the most basic structure, a membership organisation for people who want to work together to carry out the aims of the group, but who don't intend to own land or need any legal status ('unincorporated' means the organisation is not a legal entity).

We will be holding our first AGM at the next Open Meeting in March. People will have an opportunity to become 'members' and give feedback on the constitution. Details will soon be circulated on our Facebook Group, Website and Newsletter.

The Barnaby Festival



Macctastic is a legacy of the MacctasticLessPlastic initiative at the Barnaby Festival in 2018. As such, we are very excited about talks with the festival coordinators about possible collaborations for the next festival in June. Watch this space!

Scoop and Scales (Zero Waste)



Matt gave an update on this initiative. With two successful buying rounds complete, they are now looking for more members to join. More information and details of how to get in touch can be found on [their Facebook page](#)

Dates to Note

Redevelopment of Kings School Land Planning Meeting - 29th Jan, 10am at Macc Town Hall

Transport Group Meeting - 11th Feb, 7.30pm at the Park Tavern

Ecoyouth - 'Love Your Planet' day on the 14th of February and this will include a school strike from 1:00pm-2:00pm (meet at the Town Hall) All welcome.

Next Macctastic Meeting - Monday 16th Mar 7.30pm, at St Michaels Church, Macctastic's first AGM and Speaker Lisa Collas of ANSA will present a talk on Food Waste

See also the on-line calendar [here](#)