# Group 3:

1. **What have we learnt from the Covid crisis?**

Things CAN be done differently - no more excuses - can’t *(don’t want to??) ‘*go back’

Covid has been a stress test for western democracy. Interesting where the cracks are appearing.

Issue of ‘preparedness’ - Cygnet *(2016?)* outlined the prep needed for a pandemic but this was never acted on. Plus there are other threats e.g. climate change, nuclear accident. Listen to voices of eg CND/Campaign against the Arms Trade/ Scientists for Global Responsibility..

The openness of the Independent SAGE group was welcomed. People will/can change

The ‘science’ is not always agreed - it can come up with some wrong answers but this is a normal part of scientific enquiry and should be expected and more widely understood, as part of the rigour. There’s an educational opportunity here.

Lessons re inequality e.g. ‘protection of the public’ has not worked equally well for all social groups.

# What do we want to keep?

We’ve got to know our neighbours and to give and accept small acts of kindness - Neighbourliness. Street What’ App groups, organising street deliveries, supporting diverse needs - window dressing to amuse children - so many ways of ‘connecting’. Street socially distanced coffee mornings, before clapping drinks…

The value of key workers, and low paid ‘gig economy’ workers.

Opportunity to work from home - requires a leap in trust/imagination, recognition of the value of key workers.

Our public sector: currently cracked but not broken

Clean air - this issue is a basis for regional and community action

*(see e.g. Coalition for Healthy Streets and Active Travel (CoHSAT)*

# What do we want to change?

Recognition of need for some form of UBII in face of likely huge unemployment. ‘stop faffing around over this’

Issue of public ownership - of land, services. Amazon and Facebook should be placed in public ownership. Land tax/ rateable value revision long overdue.

Corporate involvement - Green New Deal Initiatives to increase society’s resilience.

# Key points relating to each heading:

1. **Things CAN be done differently**
2. **Community co-operation**
3. **Move fast on a new economic model - which values key workers There was also another ‘key point’ at the end of Group 3’s discussion:**

**Globalisation/Nationalism and how Covid has underlined the need for the former-e.g. need for international support for WHO.**

**’We’re not all in the same boat but we are all in the same storm.**