**GROUP 1. ODC 12**

1. **WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED FROM THE COVID CRISIS?**

**Bad**

Frustration with leadership/ leadership incompetence

Huge amount of inequality in the country

How unprepared our government was/is – 2009 had fully functioning stockpile of PPE; eroded. 2017 Exercise Cygnus, and lack of preparation since revealed

Access to real information from the government – really poor

The government – their information to us is very bad

 We need to hold them to account

 Lack of transparency

Rhetoric is no substitute for expertise

Emptiness of politics

Poorly resourced care homes

How vulnerable people are in care homes

Care sector disjointed, is not fit for purpose

Unexplained impact on care workers from ethnic minorities

Protection needed for status for BAME workers

Failure of the private sector – eg testing, PPE, ventilators etc [*a nurse on basic pay in the NHS gets around £31 p hour; if she moves to the care sector it falls to approx. £8]*

Immigration issues – visas and payments problems remain. They should be abolished

Austerity shown to be a confidence trick

**Good**

Strong local social solidarity

Importance of community and creativity

Importance of utilities, of the public sector

The money IS there

Need for a Universal basic income – idea gaining traction

Volunteer bank

Role of the press – the serious are v good ad have stepped up

1. **WHAT DO WE WANT TO KEEP?**

Much is enjoyable – sense of community, the quiet in our neighbourhoods, hearing birds and bees

Clean air

Nurturing

Politics – more questioning needed; Kier Starmer should demand accountability

Value being placed on NHS, Social Care, the public sector

Home working - team camaraderie that has emerged, TRUST, imagination, ability to produce 2 more hours a day of work rather than spent commuting

Over 70s can walk to front of the queue!

Swedish system example of restricted pay ratio between CEO and average worker pay [like Mondragon, Basque country]

Optimal working hours – 20 p week

1. **WHAT DO WE WANT TO CHANGE?**

The Government

Electoral reform

Cross-party working – more collaborative politics rather than adversarial

Evidence led preparations for key risks facing the world: climate emergency

The sense of entitlement from the wealthy/political class

Rights to flying and the social implications – rationing of flights; one cheap then an escalator

Less travel and less consumerism

Transition to different kinds of jobs – Green New Deal

Lessons from Sweden – cultural issues, rationing

More green places

Encourage changes

Hold onto cross party working

The idea of tax being for the public good, equitable taxation

More equitable society

Reduction of income inequality

**PLENARY REPORT BACK**

***What to do locally in OXFORD?***

Explore Doughnut economics – Kate Raworth

Virtual meetings with our politicians

Who is going to pay?

Ensure homeless are not dumped onto the streets

City Council income? Mainly from Council owned property? – eg housing and covered market

Defend local government

Push for a Green Investment Bank locally

Issue of tax havens

XR campaign on transport; sending post cards

Local democracy/PR

Expanding local ward meetings. Parish councils

e-democracy on/off line re local council meetings

Participatory budgeting

Colleges, Universities could step up more, inc as landlords

**WHAT ARE WE AS INDIVIDUALS GOING TO DO?**

Chase up on the ODC Manifesto with Councillors

Doughnut economics [4]

Citizens Advice

e-consultation

Electoral reform – Make Votes Matter

Encourage participatory budgeting

Learn to use zoom

Universal basic income

Follow-up on local travel and transport plans/consultations

Citizens Assemblies, and XR, data on transport

Explore Compass initiatives

Write to the Oxford Times

NHS – local decision making, esp testing etc

We are canaries?

Friends of the Earth

Positive money

We Own It

Tax as positive – recalibrating towards equality

Build on the opportunities.