

# 10th October 2023

## Climate Change Working Group

### Meeting Record

**Attendees:** Gemma Dempsey-Gray GDG, Arthur Stansfield AS, Jennie Greenhalgh JG, Simon Harrington SH, Mike Hynes MH, David Chenery DC and Kelvin Gray KG.

**Apologies:** Anne Westover, Sonya Exton, Niki Fowler and Pauline Huggins

1	<p>Review of the last minutes, with updates and actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- May's Event, job well done, all happy and would do it again.</li> <li>- Feedback on CAS, very little received, but we have tried numerous times to obtain feedback. It is an amendable document so if anything does come through that we agree we can amend it.</li> <li>- We want to set ourselves a series of targets to go hand in hand with the CAS – discussed further down.</li> <li>- Making sure all parish council decisions are climate change challenged. This has been written into the 3 – 5 year parish council plan.</li> </ul>
2	<p>Review of ideas for targets with updates and actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- JG suggested we plant the empty planters around the dentist down to the church. This has been completed and with bee friendly and drought free plants.</li> <li>- Reintroduce hanging baskets into Wickham Market. GDG confirms that the clerk and her are planning to apply for a grant through the UKPF and will include where possible some planters in the market square which can be filled with drought free, bee friendly plants.</li> <li>- Erect a wind turbine in Wickham Market. DC and AS will look into this. This also led onto a discussion around a community energy fund, trying to find some land to put some renewable energy sources on, or buildings with plenty of space on top. We also discussed that GDG would promote the Solar for Everyone scheme that is back, on our social media pages.</li> <li>- Have a free ticketed event in the Village Hall to promote environmental issues and provide education on how individuals can get involved. We would still like to do this and will work on it over the next few months for a possible January event. Climate Change Bingo was suggested.</li> <li>- Find an appropriate place to have a fruit orchard, DC wanted to speak to Ivor to find out about the space at the back of King Edwards avenue. DC will check past notes to see who owns that land, consider claiming it if we cannot figure out ownership. KG to use his CAT and Genny to see where the cables are on the Pightle so we may try and plant some fruit trees there.</li> <li>- Make sure each newsletter has top tips or climate change facts and a recipe to cook from scratch, low cost meals. Idea of sending our own newsletter from time to time. GDG added top tips into the next newsletter and has offered out the opportunity of the thermal heat surveys now the weather has cooled and the sun sets earlier. AS and GDG to offer them in the second week of November initially. We thought that it would be better not to send our own Newsletter and use the current one as then it is filled up</li> </ul>

	<p>and not struggling for content, but to be mindful we don't overload it. MH also suggests we share government schemes, he will send through the current Warm Homes Suffolk link for insulation grants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wildlife corridors and a new wildflower area. We thought that Niki is working on wildlife corridors separately and Sally is working on a project to encourage everyone to make their gardens more insect and environmentally friendly.</li> <li>- Taking inspiration from Campsea Ashe with their community garden. We discussed how difficult it is for the just giving allotment plot to get helpers and volunteers to get involved and decided this would not be suitable for Wickham Market.</li> <li>- Asking ESC to install electric car charging points in the three esc run car parks around Wickham Market as the barrier to so many for electric vehicles is the lack of infrastructure. GDG to email Sally as our District Councillor.</li> </ul>
3	<p>We then discussed new ideas that we may like to try and pursue <b>with actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trying to encourage the two allotment plots in Wickham Market to donate their surplus grown foods to residents. JG will attempt to speak to the church to see if they could facilitate this within their Thursday food bank offer. GDG to speak with the allotment associations.</li> <li>- Showing climate change films at the Village Hall free of charge for people so that awareness is promoted. We need to look at which films and see if we can get permission to use the halls facilities for this.</li> </ul>
5 AOB – <b>action points</b>	<p>SH wants to look at a proposal around 1 mile journeys and encouraging residents to not use their cars for these, and forming a map of safer routes around the village. Maybe asking the Co-op if they would consider an incentive for people who do not drive to get their shopping.</p> <p>We want to look at a village electric bike scheme, to be picked up at next meeting.</p> <p><b>GDG will contact the Head at the WMPS</b> and ask what the Eco Council are up to and consider some joint projects. One idea was a project for children to come up with a 'how do I get to' map so they can review how they are best to get to the local shop safely, on their bike or walking.</p> <p>We discussed that the Parish Council should look to change bank to an ethical bank, DC suggests that we use Unity Trust which he is aware that Rendlesham Parish Council uses. <b>DC will add this to the next finance and general planning meeting agenda.</b> We will also put some information in the newsletter around which banks are ethical.</p> <p>A massive well done to Jenson from WMPS who won the competition to have his design for the Climate Action Strategy cover used.</p>

Date of Next Meeting: TBC