

Minutes – Climate Change Working Group – 30th September 2025

Present – Mike Hynes MH, David Chenery DC, Pauline Huggins PH, Jennie Greenhalgh JG and Gemma Dempsey-Gray GDG.

Apologies were received from Arthur Stansfield and Sonya Exton.

Diary for the year – upcoming events – were not able to do this, we will revisit this.
Guided walks with Arthur and Anne, 2 walks one being accessible for less able bodied – GDG to speak to them about the walks and possible dates for these, and routes – PH to suggest accessible routes.

Rebranding the group – Wickham Green Futures was suggested as a new name for the group to create a distance from us and the Parish Council so we can be more attractive to the community. The group want to keep thinking of names for the group. We will communicate these ideas as we need the rebranding for the leaflet.

Leaflet for us to hand out at Markets – Ideas for the leaflet to be sent via the working group WhatsApp group. Green Gym, Cemetery group, litter walks, tree wardens, Wild about Wickham, batteries recycling, the pantry etc. MH will come up with some wording and we will ask Al (PC Clerk) to design the leaflet and duplicate into the Newsletter.

Logo – make a logo for the group once we have agreed the new name for rebranding.

MH brings a leaflet and discusses the website from Greener Fram – likes the actions that they are taking, they are not affiliated to the Parish Council MH says. Discussion around whether this group is hindered by the PC, GDG and DC suggest that we should align with the PC as they are valuable, we can utilise their website, we can utilise the newsletter, the funding that is allocated to us, insurance protection for events. MH asks - who do we have to make proposals too, DC explains the financial regulations and why we have to ask for consent to spend money. GDG confirms that this is also why we wanted to get a list of dates together as then we could show the PC our plans for the year and they would be aware.

GDG confirms that at the last PC meeting councillors agreed that all proposals to the PC would now have to have consideration to the environment, and if the greenest option was not taken then an explanation of why. This was agreed and the proposal format would be altered to reflect this, and in the minutes from meetings, we should mention if climate action has been discussed to show community that we are doing that. Also confirmed that the PC was happy with us rebranding and calling ourselves and alternative name.

Litter – JG walks about Jason from Rubbish Walks – Jason would be happy to come and discuss the opportunities around the village with the CCWG. JG to advise of date.
JG – focuses on the litter in the village in specific areas, and so thinks that there are other areas that we could focus on with groups of volunteers. DC suggests that we could possibly provide more hours to fund another litter collector – as budgets are being discussed. DC make a proposal for this, if there is a need for this. JG and DC to discuss this more.

PH discusses the next Wild about Wickham event is going to be in November and is going to be around having a greener Christmas. PH and Sally Noble would like help for the event and will be in contact with us with a date. DC would like to issue tips for the newsletter for Christmas issue, DC to ask Al to possibly rerun the tips we ran last year or MH and JG to come up with new tips for the newsletter.

What is happening with the thermal camera? We would like to advertise this again and when are dates that AS can do this? GDG to pick up with AS.

Suma – group ordering – GDG confirms that Suma still runs this for communities who would possibly start a scheme in this area if there was not a shop locally stocking Suma goods, as they wouldn't like to affect their business. Is this something that we would like to investigate? GDG to investigate more.

DC – Commissioned Water Butts – could this group set aside a sum of money to subsidise the buying of water butts for the community. JG thought this was a good idea, and could be linked in with the Wild about Wickham. Is there a SCC run program? Not as far as we can see on the internet. It would be a good idea, do we have an alternative to plastic for water butts? DC to investigate.

People we would like to invite to the WG in future meetings -

Transition Woodbridge

Anne for tree input

David Greenacre – MH to reach out and ask for availability to come and discuss this with us.

Future meeting date agreed.