

Climate Change Report 16 January 2023

The Climate Change working group met in early December to discuss how we wished to proceed into 2023, I will attach the wording from an email I sent out to the full council after the meeting with our proposals.

Last night at our climate action meeting we came up with the idea, that instead of our event that we were going to do early in the year, to promote the climate action strategy and get the parishioners feedback, we would combine that with the King's coronation, and hold it on the bank holiday on Monday 8th May and make it more of a fun day to pique people's interest and try and get the best engagement that we can.

We could then make it a green event, and have fun family things to do, and celebrate the King who has always been a fairly keen environmentalist.

We would look to get other local parishes involved and have stalls from people who are eco friendly. We would have a storyteller - telling climate involved stories, some people to help kids make bird/bat boxes, Nature walks, have a tree planting ceremony (hopefully with Anne), a competition involved to win something eco friendly etc etc. Get the mens shed involved, some cycle groups involved, scouts, rainbows/brownies...

We thought it would be good to have this on the Pightle as a nice open space.

Please let us have your feedback on this, and any other ideas you may have that we can incorporate. This would be coming from the Climate Change Budget agreed at the last full council meeting.

This remains our plan in terms of the event. Once the event has been agreed by the parish council and advertised in the newsletter, we plan to then meet again, and set this year's targets for our group.

We would like to find some areas around Wickham Market to plant some fruit trees, especially as one of our targets for this year, for example. Look at recycling stations and collections etc. We appreciate that there is much to be done and so any steps are great! To get feedback from the village residents is imperative to the success of this so fingers crossed we can get some great engagement.

We have been selected to be part of a thermal camera project (Run by Suffolk Climate Change Partnership) whereby we can survey peoples homes in our area, this would mean we can show those residents where there is most heat lost.

We would absolutely love to take part however, the cameras are only available to us in April and if the last few years are anything to go on then there may be a heatwave, meaning the survey would be less beneficial to anyone. The team at Suffolk council have told us we are able to buy our own and I was expecting them to be quite expensive however, they came back with

'The cameras we bought are FlirOne Pro LT Smartphone Thermal cameras, one iOS compatible and the other Android around £300/£330 and we purchased them from online from a company called Test Meter Group limited www.test-meter.co.uk'

It would be my proposal that we buy a thermal imaging camera, it may well be that we are then able to lend it to our local parishes to help them out with this scheme as well. This would come out of the climate change budget. The project is 'Warm homes suffolk'.

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