



Minutes of CAG meeting 21/04/22 – via Zoom

Present: Jenny Shelton, Keith Warburton, Larry New, Nicola Jenkins, Jean York, Sarah Howe
Apologies: Kirstin Rayner, Peter Condon, Guy Kiddy

KW apologised for not producing the minutes of the previous meeting.

KW will endeavour to send reminders of upcoming meetings a week in advance and reminds all that CAG meetings take place at 7.30pm every third Thursday of the month unless otherwise advised. Meeting ID: 826 7303 1487 Passcode: 063438
Phone: Find your local number : "<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kbbbrC7JdW>">

Proceedings:

1 – would CAG do a 10 minute presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting 10th May?

The APC is not a council meeting as such, but is an opportunity for the community to come together, to hear and be heard.

Yes – JS and KW to work on this

2 – National Assoc Local Councils – NALC training - “Fighting climate change”

25 May 2022 — 12.00 – 13:15

“37% of local (parish and town) councils have declared a climate emergency, with a further 8% declaring a biodiversity emergency. Local councils recognise the importance of climate change, but many feel disempowered to act. In October 2021, NALC published its Climate Change Survey Report. The results indicated that 25% of local councils believed they were too small to make a difference, and a further 20% stated they lacked the resources and power to act.

However, a recent report from New Local highlights the importance of local action in the face of national and international inaction, emphasising the need to conceive of climate change as a series of local problems rather than one single global issue. By taking on small actions, communities that work together can bring about significant change overall.

Learn more about the actions that councils can take locally to fight climate change and discover how councils are already doing this successfully.

Speakers: Chris Bagshaw, Kendal Climate Change Jury representative, Dr Amy Burnett, founder of Development in Transition and Mike Childs, head of science, policy & research at Friends of the Earth “.

KW hopes the PC would fund a member of the CAG to take part in this. Let KW know if interested. JS suggests this might best be someone from the PC, Kirstin or Harriet, perhaps.

3 - Facebook page and postings therein

Many thanks to JS for setting up the Climate Action Gamlingay Facebook page. Members of the



CAG are asked to join it and to participate and spread the word among their local contacts (you can directly invite your FB friends to join, by using Messenger). Add member's own hints and tips – and news. e.g. the W.I. members now only boil as much water as needed, not a kettle full.

4 – Queens Platinum Jubilee

Can we produce an interesting flyer for distribution in Platinum Packs, highlighting the environment and “climate” changes then and now? Perhaps a Climate Quiz for use either in the packs or/and in the Gazette. KW and JS to work on this in parallel with actions on 1 above. LN to confirm with the Platinum committee that this is ok.

4a - The Climate Action Group plans to meet in person for the first time at the Jubilee event on the playing field at the Eco-hub on 4th June, tentative time 4pm (tbc at CAG May meeting). Bring your own food and drink – and seats!

5 – Engage wider

JY confirms “the gardeners” are interested in becoming involved with CAG. JY to follow up. All CAG members are requested to not miss any opportunity to spread the word about the Climate Action Group – participation is open to anyone in our community

6 – Other potential activities

Review how people use their bins – too much in the black bin, if so, why?

Publish and promote what should go in which bin.

Check what different supermarkets and retailers are doing re packaging. e.g. compost bags at Waresley.

Additional information for the group, from Jenny:

More swift boxes have arrived and will be distributed very soon - there has been overwhelming demand! Great news for our crucial population of these red-listed birds.

- Plans for a 'Tiny Forest' and wildflower meadow have been approved! Work begins soon to transform Lower Field into a haven for wildlife, plus all those new trees and flowers will act as a valuable carbon store, helping off-set some of our climate impact.
- Two new apple trees have also gone in on Millbrook Meadows, and the bluebells planted beneath them in Autumn are blooming! Not exactly on a Waresley Wood scale but give them time and we should have a gorgeous growing carpet of blue as the years pass.

Additional information for the group, from Nicola:

Hatley PC has a list of various recycling centres and what they take:

<https://www.hatley.info/practical-matters/rubbish-collection/waste-recycling-centres/>