



CAG- Minutes- Monday 29th APRIL 2024 at 7.00pm

Venue- Online Zoom

Group members: Hilary Young(delayed), Peter Condon, Emma Leaf Grimshaw, Adrian Semerene (Apologies), Jean York, Nicola Jenkins, Kirstin Rayner, Kate Laugharne

1. Welcome, introductions and volunteer for chair for this meeting -ELG to chair
2. Minutes of the meeting 1st February and issues arising- Minutes agreed, matters arising on the agenda
3. Repair Café- review and feedback (7th April)- Repair café went well, ELG thanked for putting on such a successful event. Swish didn't really happen-KL to feedback whether any traction at the forthcoming Shepreth event. Bike marking-13 bikes done- good to have police doing community event-5 in uniform. Proposed next one on 2nd November (Saturday)Event was fully booked, only one no show. and a waiting list. Next one see if repairers are available and see if anyone local wants to step up to be a repairer. Sewing ladies were particularly great and are free next time. Hilary happy to step up and be trained. Nicola- suggested a children's activity corner for next time-climate related colouring in/craft activity. ELG- slow ramp up worked well-start publicising it again in August. Suggest using our own posters next time-mention CAG. Lots of pf photos to use for next time.
4. Article in Gazette- EOI from new members and way forward (Nicola and Peter) 03-03-24 email & listing of CAG as a com group? (NJ) Article front page provoked response letter- ? response by CAG discussed. HY to comment in her churches letter next time, ELG contacted by ASD wanting to respond . Agreed that CAG not to respond but do a follow up article in a couple of months- on positive actions you can take individually. KR recommended Carbonsavy.uk website -KR to do a draft article and circulate it to group. ELG- concentrate on what positive things the group is doing-practical stuff like the repair café-perfect example. KR ask Gazette to add Climate Action group to the hobbies/leisure/interest section- KR to do.
5. Community Carbon Footprint report- further actions (PC) Lots in the report, help try to break it down to actions- using thermal camera for example. KR- need a whole session on it really- could invite people to attend/do some interaction activity. Consider for a future meeting.
6. Biodiversity audit and joint working (ELG KR) ELG working with GW to produce biodiversity audit- history, biodiversity habitat mapping, what there is and landownership info feeding in to process. ELG bat survey areas as part of study. Plan to show what is there and what needs to happen/for nature to recover/ come up with new habitats.
7. Millbridge Meadows May 2024- planned activities and events (Kirstin) Happening next Sunday- please attend. Jean to supply WI talk information and event to KR so it can be publicised on Facebook /events diary.
8. Any other items- GC – Collective Actions webpage (KR) – circulated to group for information. Zero carbon Communities grants (SCDC)-2nd June-ideas -E Bikes- (PC)-KR this has been looked at previously, not thought to work as we are too far distant from towns with major



services and distance from Cambridge. , Community Energy consultation (feedback) Rural prosperity fund- electric charging points in villages (KR)- Group asked to suggest locations for electric charging- discussed Cinques Common- to remote for 7kv charging as nowhere to go whilst charging- needs to be more central village. Also unsure whether can access three phase electrical supply. Garages- both approached- Mill St- not interested, green end- may be interested. Issue of taking up existing car parking spaces is a concern so potentially a location which would create new parking space/s specifically for electric charging may be the way to go. St Marys Field car park was suggested- no electrics supply there, unsure whether this could be accommodated.

9. Other issues- advised Great collaboration pilot for East Anglia- launch next week, what can community groups and councils do? where to go for help/how to do things, practical activities-one off events.

Discussed **how CAG can raise its profile** and engage with the elderly and young people- discussed using the Village Show- rather than sitting behind an information board try and do something more proactive- mini questionnaire /some kind of interaction on climate at the village show-21st September- raise profile and try to get new members onboard- Sarah Callis promote- possibly on Facebook and online. NJ invited members to Hatley Beating the Bounds on 11th May 9am.

Meeting closed at 8pm.

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Draft

<https://carbonsavvy.uk/>

<https://impact-tool.org.uk/footprint/search>

Collective Actions

This is a library of climate actions to be carried out by groups of people, rather than individuals.



For convenience, we have listed them under the same sub-headings as for the sixty individual actions.

Some of the guidance contains information particular to local councils, such as their lawful powers for taking action, but the “Steps to Success” are probably universal.

A range of other actions and case studies are available from:

Carbon Copy

The Local Government Association

BUILDINGS

How to Save Energy in your Community Building – an approach developed by the Centre for Sustainable Energy

Heat leak detector?

Thermal imaging camera?

Switching energy supply (change the existing GC action)

ENERGY

Community Energy Toolkit – developed for community groups and local authorities by Bristol Energy Network



FOOD & WASTE

Community Fridge – a space that brings people together to share food, meet up, learn new skills and prevent fresh food from going to waste. Find out more from the Community Fridge Network which is co-ordinated by environmental charity Hubbub.

Community Orchards – a guide published by the UK Government with links to sources of advice and information.

Creating New Allotments – this is one of the few statutory duties for town and parish councils. Growing your own food is healthier than buying from a supermarket, and the exercise also does you good!

Repair café

Recycling points

Water bottle refill

Grey water recycling

LAND USE



(Biodiversity policy published under Action Planning)

Bee Squares – an approach to encouraging pollinating insects by planting wild flowers.

Community Environmental Toolkit – developed by Wiltshire Council in partnership with Natural England to allow communities to take the lead in defining and restoring biodiversity in their community.

Creating a Community Woodland – an example of a parish council working with their district council.

Local Nature Action Plans – guidance for town and parish councils produced by South Gloucestershire Council, but of value to community groups as well.

Local Nature Action Plan Field Guide – also from South Gloucestershire, intended to assist those with little or no ecological background

Trees and Woodland Strategy Toolkit – a step-by-step approach developed by the Tree Council.

Wildflower and Tree Planting with Local Schools – details of an approach piloted by Holme Valley Parish Council.

Electric power tools

Community composting

Managing verges / no mow May

Hedge laying.

Species monitoring / habitats for biodiversity net gain

Liaison with farmers



MONEY

Green banking & investments

TRANSPORT

Electric vehicle charging points (guidance in development)

Clear / promote rights of way.

Car clubs

Work to align train & bus timetables.

Community element at railway stations

USE YOUR VOICE

Work with the district council.

Liaison with local businesses.

Work with neighbouring parishes / groups.