

# CLIMATE CHANGE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting held at 10.30am, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## MINUTES

**Present:** Christina Munsey, Dorothy Dunkley, Jennifer Haycock, Ian Draper

1. Apologies for absence: David Cranwell, Samantha Hosking

2. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Matters arising - None.

4. 2023-24 Budget requirements for Climate Change & Environment projects

It was proposed by J Haycock, seconded by I Draper that a request will be made to the Parish Council for £750 to be allocated to this committee in its 2023-24 budget.

5. Climate Fair de-brief.

It was agreed this was very successful but felt more Parish Councillors needed to offer time and support.

Thanks were expressed to the committee for contacting and sourcing stall holders. Thanks were also expressed to the school who fully supported the fair.

The suggestion box was opened and following suggestions were put to the committee:

- Soft plastic and crisp packet recycling facilities in the village.
- Syresham Parish Council should lobby WNC to make it a planning requirement for new industry to have solar power.
- Car charging points.
- For every 10% of area planted with pollinators the insect and wildlife recovery is a 3<sup>rd</sup>. My suggestion is for Syresham PC to plant more. Allow groups of residents to club together and make areas to grow fruit trees and other pollinating plants e.g. Bradbery Close, The Pound, etc, school play area, in Swingfield.
- Syresham PC should lobby WNC to make industrial planning requirements more fitting for the future and carbon neutral by the requirement for solar panels and safe shared access pathways from rural areas into and around places of employment.
- I would like to see PC take up the initiative offered by CA-WIN where they offer to train a representative from our community to check household energy efficiency. This person attends training and then they hand us equipment.
- Plant hedge at rear of village hall.
- Wind turbines and solar panels.
- Community orchard.
- Wildflowering.
- Flexible bus service – promote more support for bus service.

All suggestions will be discussed more fully at the next meeting of the committee.

It was agreed to hold another Climate Fair on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023 from 11am to 6pm.

The committee suggest PC ask someone from WNC or Janet Jackson from Northampton University to speak at annual Parish Meeting.

6. The latest issue of the CA-WN Exchange  
It was agreed that CM would send out report from Jane Wood.
7. Any other business – None.
8. Date of next meeting 10.30am, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 in the Village Hall meeting room.