

## Draft Minutes of the Hucclecote Climate Change Action Group (HCCAG) Meeting

**Date of meeting** – Wednesday 18 May, 7.30

**Those present** – Ted Stevens, Dave Bentley, Andrew Pugh, Maria Clutterbuck (parish councillors) plus Luke Riley, Sorcha Anderson, Darren Macdonald, Sarah Shewan (local residents)

**Apologies** – Gem Urquhart (EDF), Sarah Watkins (HATS) and Chris Pitt (Benefact)

		<b>ACTION</b>
1	<b>Review of the Scrapbook</b> Everyone was happy with the scrapbook and it can now be posted on the HPC website	<b>TS</b>
2	<b>Focussing the potential activities down to a manageable number</b> It was broadly agreed that we'd aim for around ten initiatives, and we'd endeavour to select these based on a combination of their positive environmental impact, their value for money, their visibility/potential to inspire others, their income generation potential (ie - if they could fund further actions) and how quickly they could be set up. The ones we want to really focus on are set out below.	
3	<b>Biodiversity themed actions</b> There was strong support for more wildflower planting, creating allotments/a community garden, community composting and the 'Tiny Forest' idea. All of these could potentially be delivered on The Mound site. By the next meeting we should have a landscape plan for this and much (if not all) of these features could be funded by the developer (Bovis). Dave Bentley will explore each action and research any additional costs that could still be incurred, and any other potential sources of income.	<b>BD</b>
4	<b>Traffic/Travel themed actions</b> The main actions to be progressed here are the Lift Sharing scheme and promoting 'no car' days/weekends. We would also lobby the county council re cycleway provision/links to the new cycleway spine and education for scooter users. Andrew Pugh agreed to explore likely costs we might need for promoting lift sharing and 'no car' days.	<b>AP</b>
5	<b>Energy/power/homes themed actions</b> There was strong support for a simple/honest Green Guide that would explain what residents could do to minimise their energy costs. The Guide could also provide tips on recycling/buying local and a wide range of other 'eco' stuff. Ted offered to scope this further and identify likely costs (and possible sponsorship/other funding). There was also interest in exploring how we might set up 'bulk buy' discounts for things like solar panels, ASHP's and insulation. Sorcha offered to find our more, speak to suppliers and work out how an initiative like this could be run, promoted, and any costs.	<b>TS</b>  <b>SA</b>

	<p>It was also felt that Hucclecote Parish should always demand to TBC on planning applications for new homes that the homes are built to low energy specifications.</p> <p>The idea that local businesses' might make their staff electric car charging facilities available to nearby residents should be explored. Ted will raise this with EDF and Ecclesiastical.</p>	<b>TS/GU/CP</b>
6	<p><b>Recycling and Waste themed actions</b></p> <p>The idea of trialling a pop up 'Repair Shop' is already being explored by Cat Swift.</p> <p>There was also support for replacing some existing litter bins with larger/better bins where people pre-sort their refuse. Maria will check out costs and if any grants or other funding might help with this.</p> <p>Sorcha volunteered to collate information on current ways in which hard-to-recycle items can be disposed of, to see if there are any 'gaps' that need filling. The information can also be used in the Green Guide.</p>	<p><b>CS</b></p> <p><b>MC</b></p> <p><b>SA</b></p>
7	<p><b>Communication/Inspiration themed actions</b></p> <p>The idea of some sort of 'Sustainability Fair' with various activities/demonstrations/stalls/'pop up' attractions etc was supported, and could act as an effective launch event in 2023. Ted will draw up a rough spec for this and identify likely costs.</p> <p>There was also support for adjusting the parish signs adding something like "Committed to becoming greener" under them. Ted will check out costs for this too.</p>	<p><b>TS</b></p> <p><b>TS</b></p>
8	<p><b>Next Steps</b></p> <p>Everyone agreed to circulate their thoughts and suggestions on the items identified above so that by the time we next meet (in July) we should have a good idea of the cost implications of the proposed actions, and – if possible – the environmental impact/CO2 savings that each might generate.</p>	<b>ALL</b>