

ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-GROUP

ONGOING ITEMS:

Carbon Footprint Report for Marden – This report was discussed at the February meeting rolling initiative and various items feature in the newsletter. Cllr Boswell has included the following in the Summer Newsletter: **Solar Together – Cut Carbon Emissions and Save on Energy Bills; Can I Really Get a Free Insulation Grant; Electric Vehicle Chargepoint Grant; Sustainable Warmth Grants; Help Identify Cost Recovery on your Utility Bills.**

Offsetting Events Emissions: <https://co2.myclimate.org/en/event> This is a complex document covering all eventualities – aim to use at Marden at Christmas event.

MPC Open Space Biodiversity Policy – refer to **MBC Climate Change & Biodiversity Policy** <file:///C:/Users/HP/Downloads/Biodiversity-Climate-Change-Strategy.pdf> Can be used to inform local planning policy and decisions. *Cllr Boswell to look at*

Nature Recovery Plan running alongside the MNP and to tie in with Estate Management Plan – **Cllr Besant to look at**

Community Engagement - Event and/or Survey for Residents to Complete - Involving the local community can be time consuming but is vital to secure support for new initiatives as well as providing a source of ideas, volunteers and resources. There are several techniques that may be employed, including: • A household survey, that can generate a local mailing list of interested people • Community workshops on particular topics • “Walking workshops” with a tour of the local area • Talks by specialist professionals • Online maps for people to locate and post ideas and suggestions • Neighbourhood and wellbeing planning events • Open house events from residents who have made low carbon changes • Supporting all the above through newsletters, social media and websites

Carbon Literacy Training – MBC Sustainability Officers will advise once ready for delivery.

Parish Council Net Zero Goals – MBC Sustainability Officers drafting a plan/template for Parish Councils and other resources.

Local Climate Action Plan – NALC has drafted this template and the Admin Assistant has put into a document. This could be a useful tool and the Environmental Group to revisit at a future date.

Good Practice Template Review – NALC has drafted and could be a useful tool in the future.

KALC – NALC had suggested that County Associations should be sharing info on funding opportunities and creating a Climate Change Toolkit to share with Town & Parish Councils. *The Clerk will check out the KALC Members Page to see if there is any info on there.*