



Needham Market Town Council
Climate Awareness Group
MINUTES: Tuesday 11th April 2023
7pm, The Lounge, Needham Market Community Centre

Present	Amanda Reardon (Chair); Jean Pittaway; Nicola Booth; John Mattissen; Mark Dimes, Ross Piper.
Apologies	Jo Hughes
Minutes of last meeting	The minutes were approved for the meeting on 21.03.2023.
Planning consultations comments	Postponed to next meeting.
Thermal Imaging Camera - Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 homes scanned. Reports either sent to householders or will be imminently. • Majority of scanned homes showed good levels of insulation with little/no remedial action needed. • A few of the homes will have been able to clearly identify some areas for improvement of insulation. • Weather was really against us – lots of rain. • Once we got used to the system we gained in confidence of the results and sped up. It was possible to complete 5 households in one evening. • We will aim to borrow the camera again in November and prioritise offers to those who missed out this time. • It was agreed that we should seek permission from householders to display some of their photos on Earth Day – anonymised.
Earth Day April 22 nd 9-4 but open 10-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stalls/stands who are confirmed were shared. • Set up from 9am on 22nd – Amanda, Nicola, Ross, Mark. Any others please? • Request leaflets and bin stickers regarding recycling to promote the guidelines. • Bug hunt times and details confirmed. • Nicola will confirm Sandlings' attendance. • Publicity: noticeboards, shops, newsletter, Facebook – all in place and will continue.
EV Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicola and Amanda had met with Claire Ling (Community Support Officer- Suffolk Climate Change Partnership) to discuss. • Ubitricity are now working with SCC on fast charging as well as slow charging. SCC are also working with Fastned. • Claire shared some possibilities regarding funding streams. • 'Soft' survey could be a good idea to gauge local thoughts/opinions.
Middle School Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community orchard discussed – possible locations, species, management, links with school, Phoenix Football Club. • Other ideas for development of biodiversity and community use discussed: allowing hedge to grow further, wildflower meadow. • We need to investigate what the contract is or will be with Vertas for management so as we can determine any changes we would like to suggest.
What's next?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing Crowley Park hedge area. • Reducing CO2 emissions – in addition to EV project, are there other initiatives we can investigate? • Recycling – getting it right campaign. 15-20% of recycling waste is contaminated and ends up at the incinerator because the guidelines on what can and cannot be recycled are not followed. • Repair Café – we had approached Stowmarket Repair Café's coordinator to give us some advice on set up. Advice is that having another in such close proximity risks diluting volunteers and service users at each site.
AOB	None
Next Meeting	Tuesday 23 rd May, 7pm, Middle School Field then The Swan.