

## **Rutland Climate Action: Community Network Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

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**Apologies:** Sarah Clark (Barleythorpe), Debra Thatcher (Ridlington), Jo and Chris Read (Whissendine), Paul Clark (Oakham) Cllrs. David Blanksby, Marc Oxley, Andrew Brown; Lord Lieutenant Sarah Furness

**Present:** Cllrs. Lucy Stephenson, Joanna Burrows, Paul Ainsley; Christopher Renner (Normanton), David Coop (Seaton), Caroline Simmonds (?), Mary Cade (Ketton), Paul Buxton (Oakham), Claudi Cockburn (South Luffenham), Kevin and Merete Williams (Barrow), Tony and Marlen Goodwin (Whitwell), Christopher Donovan (Cottesmore), James Earl – Frazer (Greetham), Joan Edwards (Cottesmore), Allison Glover (Ryhall), Kate Hiseman (Sustainable Land Trust), David Lewis (Fair Trade), John Clarkson (Rutland and Leicestershire Wildlife Trust)

- 2) **Previous notes:** noted
- 3) **Matters Arising:** actions noted as complete / covered under items of business
- 4) **Items of Business:**
  - i) **The Great Big Green Week:**
    - a. Areas with events booked:
      - i. Ketton (19/09/21) 'Creation Sunday'
      - ii. Uppingham: Great Big Clothes Swap
      - iii. Cottesmore and Greetham
      - iv. Barleythorpe: in progress
      - v. Oakham: in progress
      - vi. Seaton: in progress
      - vii. Sustainable Land Trust: launch of community portal in Greetham
      - viii. Bus Stop decorating competition (county wide)
    - b. **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September: dates and details to Lucy Stephenson** to draw up a Rutland schedule of activity
    - c. Individual groups to register events onto the Great Big Green website: <https://greatbiggreenweek.com/> (also noted that there are a plethora of templates available to create banners / flyers etc to advertise individual events)
    - d. Banners: a possible activity for schools to create re – usable banners 'Rutland Climate Action' – possibly too short notice for this event
    - e. Lucy Stephenson to contact schools at the start of term – with ideas bank e.g. 'Waves of Hope', banners
    - f. Lucy Stephenson to contact Rutland Times to secure a double page spread to cover activities for the edition 30<sup>th</sup> September
    - g. Paul Buxton alerted to opportunities for individual events to be advertised at The Jigsaw Festival and Oakham Sunday concerts: [pbuxton@oakhamtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:pbuxton@oakhamtowncouncil.gov.uk)
    - h. Budgets: raised – noted that a medium-term plan / view needs to be formulated for future activity. For GBGW: aim for costs to be covered with either donation or fundraising on the night.
  - ii) **Draft Community Strategy:**
    - a) Rename as a 'Community Action Plan'
    - b) Kate Hiseman: presented with SLT views and additions

c) General Comments:

- a. Timeline needed: delivery plan to be developed to incorporate this
- b. Clear detail of who – aka SMART targets
- c. Clear identification of activity streams – which activities specifically are in the jurisdiction of the authority for example
- d. Lobbying / stakeholder role for RCA to be promoted / emphasised
- e. Identification of which actions are within the remit of residents / authority / central government respectively
- f. Bank of ideas for actions / events / ideas to inspire individual groups

d) **Specific Comments by section:**

a. Buildings:

- i. Consideration of heritage / listed as particularly pertinent to Rutland
- ii. Social Housing stock / private landlords
- iii. Individual village audits of properties – LEAPs
- iv. Clear signposting including possible community engagement events e.g. Green Energy Day, promotion of energy clubs

b. **Agriculture and Land use**

- i. Re – name to ‘Food and Agriculture’
- ii. Addition of Discover Rutland to partners
- iii. Use of Rutland Libraries
- iv. Rutland to make the most of this: opportunity to model sustainable living
- v. Hedgerow re – generation a significant part of carbon sequestration (inclusion in Greenhouse gas removal?)
- vi. ELMS (land management schemes) noted

c. **Transport:**

i. Car shares:

1. find examples of best practice specific to rural areas as noted more challenging than urban equivalents
2. collective models whereby one hire car that people book

ii. Hydrogen for bigger vehicles

- iii. Impact of speed on carbon emission levels – possible target of young drivers / secondary schools
- iv. Message we communicate to our visitors to include consideration of signage r/e the relationship between speed and emissions

d. **Waste:**

- i. Emissions from waste – data capture
- ii. Extrapolate waste by parish – is this possible?

- iii. Inclusion of fly tipping / littering
- iv. Emphasis on waste hierarchy with the inclusion of borrowing rather than buying
- v. Green bins: aim for composting at home / work shops needed
- vi. Industrial – Hanson (although noted Hanson meets with the Ketton liaison group 3 x / year; suggestion that Hanson are invited to a future network meeting)
- vii. Reference to CA sites –
- viii. Importance of re – use activities / groups e.g. ‘Men in Sheds’

**e) Greenhouse Gas Removals:**

- a. Consideration and inclusion of hedgerows in action plan
- b. Identifying quantity of sequestration from change of landuse
- c. Education regarding the negative impact through the use of peat
- d. Overall aim to make the most of our landscape
- e. Establishment of a volunteer tree planting group (see also AOB) lead: Allison Glover

**Actions and Next Steps:**

- Lucy Stephenson and Kate Hiseman to incorporate feedback and comments to produce a final version (those offered both in and outside of the meeting)
- Complete data gaps in the plan – list of specific tasks – volunteers for take on a task appreciated
- Desk top publish / ‘make pretty’ for wider public audience
- Develop an implementation plan (to include communications strategy)

**iii) RCC Up – dates:**

- 1) Waste Management Strategy
  - a. Currently options appraisal taking place / collating different options including costings
    - i. Bus Service Improvement Plan
    - ii. Future Rutland Conversation [www.rutland.gov.uk/futurerutland](http://www.rutland.gov.uk/futurerutland)
    - iii. Rutland Climate Action website
- 2) Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP)
  - a. £3bn of funding – Bus Back Better: RCC will be putting in a bid
  - b. Consultation under way <https://future.rutland.gov.uk/bus-service-improvement-plan>
  - c. From 23/08/21 - 26/09/21: please share – it is vital that full public engagement is at the heart of any improvement plans
- 3) Future Rutland: The Vision
  - a. [www.rutland.gov.uk/futurerutland](http://www.rutland.gov.uk/futurerutland)
  - b. The draft vision has been viewed and commented on by stakeholder groups made up by Rutland residents; the next step will be for elected members to view / feedback on / go through the governance process and then it will be in the public domain
- 4) Rutland Climate Action website:

- a. Content needed as soon as possible:
  - i. Pictures
  - ii. Blogs
  - iii. Vlogs
- b. All content to be sent to Joanna Burrows: [jburrows@rutland.gov.uk](mailto:jburrows@rutland.gov.uk)

**5) AOB**

**a) Tree Planting Group:**

- please contact Allison Glover: [aglover.shiatsu@gmail.com](mailto:aglover.shiatsu@gmail.com) if you or anyone you might know would be interested.
- **b) Data collection portals:** Sustainable Land Trust please contact Anna Firth: [afirth@sltrust.org.uk](mailto:afirth@sltrust.org.uk) – there is one more place available for a parish / community that wishes to sign up to this exciting opportunity – Greetham is already signed up – brilliant opportunity to receive guidance / support to take control of climate actions – pilot scheme that is hoped will be rolled out across the region in the coming months
- **c) Bus Stop Decorating Competition:** 25<sup>th</sup> September – more details to follow – afternoon tea for 4 at the Falcon Hotel, Uppingham the prize, aim to promote the BSIP consultation / raise awareness of sustainable transport options / bringing communities together / fun