

North West Chilterns Community Board
Environmental and Climate Change Action Group
Briefing Report for Community Board Meeting on 27 July 2022

Purpose: This report provides a brief overview of the work undertaken by the Action Group since the Community Board Meeting on 10th February 2022.

Priority Objectives: The Action Group's priority objectives are to seek and support schemes that have a sustainable and lasting effect on the North West Chilterns area, improve the built or rural environment, reduce the impacts and increase awareness of climate change, and reverse environmental damage. Additionally, the Action Group seeks to help achieve the Council's Climate Change and Air Quality Strategy.

Action Group: The Action Group meets bi-monthly. Its agendas cover a mix of policy, strategic and fundraising related matters, many of which have been delegated to the group by the Community Board or raised by local councils, the public or by members of the group.

Recent work has included:

- Continuing to identify suitable locations with Town and Parish Council's for tree planting in streets and public spaces.
- Continuing to link in with Buckinghamshire Community Energy (BCE).
- Supporting Stokenchurch Scout and Guide HQ and the Princes Centre in their projects to install solar panels.
- Encouraging schemes looking at Wildflower planting in meadows and brownfield sites
- Continue to look at options to install Electric Vehicle charging points in public areas.
- Supporting joint community planning and community resilience through planned education programmes.
- Had a presentation from Beaconsfield Recycling Centre on the recycling of lithium batteries and promoted their templates and publications to promote awareness in this area.

Projects planned and actions going forward

- Liaising with the Chiltern Society on the restoration work of the Whiteleaf Cross and car park.
- Looking at potential joint project with Wycombe CB to implement Bee Squared.
- Will invite the chair of the Transport and Road Issues Action Group to a future meeting to look at a combined work on verge cutting and wildflower planting
- Continue work on preparation of Chiltern Society hedgerow project.
- BCE to present at the next meeting on a planned Public Awareness Energy Efficiency Campaign for the North West Chilterns.

Chairman: Cllr Robert Carington