

Rodington Parish Council
Climate and Nature Strategy Group

Tues 13th December 2022

Present: Tom Hayek (Chair) Will Gratwick, Cllr Tom Currie

Apologies: Connor Furnival

1. Arising from previous meeting:

TH began the meeting by confirming this group is intended to be fully inclusive of all residents with an interest and commitment to make a difference. We therefore need to ensure that our invitation on social media (including RPC f/b) and in person matches our statement.

TC confirmed DM remains interested in attending, subject to commitments, as do others who were previously part of the initial visioning.

Action- invitations to above (TC/CF)

2. Community Orchard

Rodington Parish Council agreed on the 7/12/22 to support the proposals for the Orchard, with an immediate allocation of £580 from the Community Fund, whilst recognising that this cost may increase. There is scope in the budget allocation of £1,500.

Action – TH will draw up a workplan based on the above, working to a Spring launch of this project.

Public information board – TH will provide a specification for this based on his experience of nature projects elsewhere.

Climate and Nature Plan – the vision statement has been printed and delivered to all residents. The next development will be to encourage residents to identify what they might do in their own gardens to support the plan.

3. Other potential projects:

Recycling containers to accommodate those items that can and should be recycled but are not currently supported vis. Tetra packs etc. Some potential links with Zero-waste Shropshire.

Action: TC to check with CF on the above.

Action: WG will draft a list of what's currently being recycled and not.

It was agreed that we should focus on three projects, rather than dilute efforts by seeking to do too much at one time, so overall the core projects fall into the following:

- a) Wild-life project
- b) Recycling
- c) Other

4. Climate change:

There's potential for some 'quick wins'. CF will keep the group updated with developments around the Shropshire Climate Change strategy, and this will be a standing item on future agendas of the CNP Strategy group.

- 5. Face-book** – In light of actions not carried through (see 1 above) it is suggested that TH could be an Administrator on the CNP section of RPC website and/ or Facebook.

Action: TC to raise with CF.

6. Hedge-planting Projects:

CPRE have sponsored a number of projects in and around Shropshire (Sarah is the link) and there's a 'window of opportunity' in Feb and October to undertake this. TH has produced an outline plan for part of Rodington. We will need to meet with local farmers in the first instance and potentially the Woodland Trust

Action: TC/CF to speak with TWC and local landowner (IG).

7. Moth Demonstrations:

These were really popular and could be repeated potentially at or around the opening of the Orchard project.

8. AOB

Discussion on the role of championing CNP, and modelling good practice, vis not using vehicles unnecessarily etc.

Action: TC will raise with RPC in his role as lead Councillor for CNP.

Next meeting: 10/1/23, 7pm at Rodington Village Hall