

Swanton Morley Parish Council

Climate Action Working Group

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 9 February 2022 At 7.30pm in Swanton Morley Village Hall – Bar Area

Attended by: Geoffrey Curran (Cllr), Jane Fabisz, Emma Raines, Alasdair Monteith and Lynda Baham.

Apologies from: Roger Atterwill, Gerry Palmer, Ian Cawdron

1 Review of previous meetings minutes

All approved

2 Progress on actions from previous meetings

Review and approve revamped logo

It was agreed that the new logo presented by Emma would be adopted and Emma would send useable version to Jane to update all media and use new logo for future publications once

10 ideas – agreement on top 10

A total of 21 ideas were put forward. Emma to review and design leaflet around these ideas.

1. Recycle glass and plastic where possible / use less single use plastic
2. Make compost from garden and kitchen waste if you are able / teabags on your garden / reduce food waste
3. Reuse or repurchase if possible / use refill bottles
4. Try to get things repaired if possible
5. Turn the thermostat down by 1 degree if you can
6. Turn off appliances not in use and avoid the standby mode if possible / use low energy lightbulbs
7. Walk more if you are able
8. Use public transport or car share if you are willing to do so / plan journeys and drive less / reduce air travel / Avoid air travel and holiday in the UK
9. Use a renewable energy supplier if you can change supplier
10. Use charity shops for donations or purchases if you can / but secondhand or borrow / use Apps such as Olio
11. Shop Local / meat free Mondays / eat less meat / Buy fair trade goods if you can afford to do so
12. Turn electrical appliances off and not leave in Standby / use low energy lightbulbs
13. Use seasoned wood in woodburners
14. Plant wildflowers / Encourage wildlife in your garden

15. Use blankets instead of turning the heating up
16. Consider an electric car as your next vehicle replacement
17. Consider air source heat pumps at your scheduled boiler replacement
18. Consider installing solar panels
19. Join a litter picking group
20. Remember to use your bags for life when shopping
21. Insulate your home more if you can and look for government or local authority grants for assistance

Speakers

- Geoffrey to ask Mark Hudson from Gardening Club to give a talk on effective composting
- Jane to contact Northgate school to confirm time – teacher and group of pupils to attend to talk about effective recycling and Eco School Status. They collect:
 - Writing instruments - dead pens, felt tips, highlighters, markers, mechanical pencils, correction fluid pens etc
 - Bakery plastic - bread bags, bagel bags, wraps, teacake and scone wrappers etc
 - Ink Cartridges and printheads - any brand of ink cartridge or printhead however the ones that earn money are Canon and HP ones.

These could be published for the event and encourage people to bring them along and allow Northgate to recycle

- Alasdair to talk about planting trees
- Konectbus to attend to promote public transport / extension to route 4 which now serves Longwater retail park

Scout Involvement

Linda T was not at the meeting so no update available

Purchase of Display Boards

These have been purchased – we have three table top boards that can be used at the event

Note: Total cost of display boards - £244.00 plus VAT out of the £500.00 Green Grant fund.

Geoffrey has contacted Swanton Morley Primary School who will make posters for the event to display on notice boards

Seed purchase and allocation

Alastair agreed to investigate obtaining wildflower seeds to give away from Toftwood Nurseries

Battery Recycling

Boxes have been ordered and are in the foyer of the Village Hall

3. Programme for 23rd April Event

- Start time: 10.30am
- 11.00am - Alasdair - talk on how to plant trees
- 11.30am – Northgate School – talk / presentation on how they have achieved Eco School Status - Jane to contact
- 12.00pm – Mark Hudson from Gardening club – talk on how to make good compost - Geoffrey to contact
- End time 12.30pm

4. Publicity for April Event

The Mardler and Village Notice boards

Emma to review Mardler content – deadline is 23 February.

5. Printing of Leaflets

It was agreed that the leaflet would be a giveaway on the day and must be made sustainably – Emma to explore suppliers.

6. Setting a date for the tree and hedge survey

Probably late May 22 – Geoffrey to bring up at Parish Council Meeting.

7. Any other long-term plans

Geoffrey explained that he had received an email from Roger Atterwill (Chair of Parish Council) – copy attached – The group agreed that asking Roger to speak at the next meeting might be beneficial if he is available.

In the meantime, the issues raised, and initial comments are below:

- Recycling Education Material to improve recycling rates and improve recycling at The Village Hall - aluminium can bank (Items 1 and 3)
It was suggested that the Village Hall needs to improve recycling first and then look at ways to educate others to do the same.
We can write to the Environmental Team at Breckland Council and ask for data on the districts recycling rates and what they are doing to improve things. Would Breckland come to a group meeting ?

- Identify areas in the village where we can make changes to increase numbers of pollinators . Contact NCC Trails team – can we plant more trees & hedgerow in Harkers Lane? (Items 2& 4)
Can we encourage local farmers and land owners to support CASM, could they come to the April Event or at another time to speak to group / residents to present their views on sustainability and how they could/ are supporting CASM ?
 - contact details for Simon Brock, James Keith, John Carrick, John Keane
- Consider a project to plant significant numbers of snowdrops and bluebells behind old village hall (item 5) – would need to investigate costs and where the funds would come from.
- Ask Natural England / Environment Agency for a report on fish stocks in the Wensum. Any plans to install glides and riffles to promote fish spawning. Will they meet the group and give advice on management of Burgh Common? (Item 6)

Emma raised the issue of our longer-term plans / objectives so that we have a practical impact on climate change. Some ideas were discussed:

- Tree planting is an all year round / ongoing project – we need to ensure that what we plant is looked after and is manageable.
- Could we review the environment when organising a litter pick? – planned for 27 March 10am from the Village Hall
- What is Breckland Councils’ sustainability strategy?
- Can we support a solar panel buying scheme?
- Can we support Electric Car charging points? / Where does the funding come from?
- Can we write a 2-year plan?
- Do we need a mission statement or statement of intent?

Geoffrey explained that the group was formed as part of the Parish Councils response to a Climate Emergency and that our mission statement has to be the “SWANTON MORLEY PARISH COUNCIL DECLARATION OF A CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT EMERGENCY” previously circulated and what we do should align to it.

8. Food distribution locker

This has been set up at the Village Hall and is managed by Jane and Kelly – please encourage donations and publicise facility to those that may be in need.

9. Date of next meeting

- **9th March – bring along any ideas for future**
- **13 April – last meeting before event on 23 April**