

## Minutes for Peakirk Climate Emergency Group 1 February 2021

- (1) Attendees: Sally Jackson (SJ), David Hankins (DH), Henry Clark (HC), Anne Tuley (AT) and Emma Crowson (EC).
- (2) The flyer is being put onto the village website. This cannot be delivered in a physical form because of COVID restrictions. There is also a copy on the village notice board. DH will try to put an electronic copy of the newsletter onto the Facebook page. It was discussed that we could use data we hold from neighbourhood plan community meetings to contact people who were interested in that project as they may respond to the climate group and we will reach a wider target. SJ will collate a list of possible contacts as she has a list from the neighbourhood plan. If anyone has any contacts that SJ may not have, please send to her. AT will look to set up an engagement session when the list of contacts is established. HC is to look into Mailchimp to set up the list of contacts. To further reach a wider audience we should tap into events like the Big Garden Birdwatch that was held last weekend. There is another national event by The Climate Coalition called "Show the Love" which runs from 1 February to 21 February to encourage looking after the countryside and nature and protect against climate crisis. SJ will put details of this on the Facebook page. Richard Astle would like to use the logo created by HC's friend and will contact HC to discuss.
- (3) Mapping of trees has begun by HC. Peterborough City Council (PCC) have said in discussions that they do need to know where new trees are planted so they don't get cut down in their maintenance regime. Other parishes have said they are also finding it hard to map the location of trees. It was confirmed by the clerk that Peakirk PC do not have a licence to plant trees on the verges although this had been discussed at a previous meeting. It will be raised at the next PC meeting. EC reminded the group of her offer to purchase a couple of new trees for the village to offset having to cut one down.
- (4) The orchard project on the allotments is still to be part of the "Thank you for Nature" projects by PECT that have been moved to the autumn. A form had to be submitted to PECT which SJ has now done. It was confirmed by DH that PAST don't want to have a dig on the allotments.
- (5) John Clare verges project. Update from SJ. Sarah Lambert has put together a plan and sent it to the verges management team at PCC. Substantial changes will not be made this year, but we will need to monitor when the verges are cut. Two areas in Barnack will be the subject of a trial as county wildlife sites - the number of cuts will be reduced and it will be monitored what grows in the verges and what species will come back or need replanting. Clippings will need to be removed by volunteers. Other stakeholders need to be on board to ensure that farmers do not destroy the growing verges.
- (6) Village hall car park. The cost of removing nettles by Mr Harding is being sought by the clerk. DH will meet with him to gauge the area required. DH to build a bug hotel at the village hall car park with pallets and already has volunteers.
- (7) SJ gave an update on John Clare meeting on 25 January. The "Thank you to Nature" project was discussed. It will be overseen by PECT who can provide insurance and tools. Wider areas south as Southey Woods were discussed with the idea in the future of a hop on hop off bus to protect the environment from the numbers of people now using the countryside. Heritage and cultural trails are also in favour and are also being discussed as something to aspire to. If anyone has any ideas on these please send to SJ.
- (8) Firdale Close - not much has happened yet. We now have information regarding the TPOs, and this will be looked at further to ascertain exact position of them.
- (9) A meeting was held on 22 January with the PCC about carbon reduction. The focus was on transport and home heating. SJ gave a resume of our actions so far. Energy performance certificates were discussed. New houses in the village have a B rating. HC to look into details

of how we can work out our own ratings. There is also a free OU course on measuring your own carbon footprint.

(10) 14-21 February is National Nestbox Week. It was discussed if we could put boxes onto the trees on the village green. A possible water station at village hall was discussed – see [Refill.org.uk](http://Refill.org.uk).

(11) Next meeting 1 March 2021 7.30pm.