

Joint parishes climate action group notes

9th Sept 2024

Present:

Bramber: Ann Blakelock, Mike Croker, Mick Tilley

Steyning: Vicci Johnson, Richard Bell

Upper Beeding: Frank Bull, Jill Cannon

Apologies

Mark Knight, Ashurst

Discussion points

1. One planet workshop next week, Horsham: Vicci, Mike, Jill - all councils represented.
2. Carbon Literacy course 17 Sept for 3 Tuesdays. Agreed to distribute the availability to business chamber and Greening Steyning
3. What should we focus on?
 - a. In house – Council buildings energy efficiency, bank and energy suppliers.
 - b. Insulation: Enabling the community with focus on insulation. Communication challenges around the green message: Bramber social works well but in UB and Steyning, limited reach to households that may benefit most.
 - c. Public transport: Lobbying for half hourly bus service. Half hourly bus service. Message is that it is a commercial business and it's not economical to provide a more frequent service. Would need to be accessible and service Small Dole as well. Need to lobby harder. Why are we not seen as a rural community?
4. Local cycling and walking plan – not technically an LCWIP but will effectively use similar framework but light touch. Public consultation out soon
5. White bridge delays – thanks to Roger Potter for continuing to lobby hard and continued representation to MP and WSCC.
6. Green Drinks 30th October re the state of the Adur by the Ouse & Adur Rivers Trust. All Councillors may be interested in attending, details in Greening SBB newsletter and website
7. Other discussion points
 - a. Concerns raised about the plans for both land fill sites at Small Dole.
 - b. West Sussex Climate Action Plan has come in by email.
 - c. Can Action in Rural Sussex help with grants e.g. for UB sports hall. May be worth contacting them.
 - d. HDC looking at all their leisure centre with a view to making them more energy efficient.

- e. Opportunity of neighbourhood plans and working on design codes to wildlife corridors and sustainability.

Actions

1. Ask Greening SBB to support insulation messages, possibly through a subgroup of the heat group that could co-opt younger and female members. Build on Greening SBB's previous research and focus on insulation including people on benefits, low income and people living in large poorly insulated houses. Grants. Different housing and population groups, particularly Upper Beeding. Ideas include - borrow Horsham's thermal imaging camera, consider drones to look at heat loss either by thermal imaging or on frosty days, anything we can do about the flats, particularly Upper Beeding? Focus the message on saving money as well as staying warm and reducing emissions. Develop a summary of insulation building regs by house age to show people in large older houses their opportunity. Visit schools to share the message. Fancy dress for impact?
2. Discuss with Sustainable Henfield how they lobbied for improved bus routes

Date of next meeting: 13 January 2025 7.30 Steyning Centre

Group will share updates by email in between meetings