

Climate Change Presentation

Where we are in the parish and in Bucks and in the world

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What is net zero?

- At COP26 The UK government made an agreement for the UK to reach net zero by 2050.
- This commitment refers to the balance between the amount of greenhouse gas produced and the amount removed from the atmosphere. We reach net zero when the amount we add is no more than the amount we take away.

Why it Matters?

Climate change is already affecting the entire world, with extreme weather conditions such as drought, heat waves, fires, heavy rain, and floods becoming more frequent. Other consequences include rising sea levels, the ocean becoming more acidic and the loss of biodiversity.



Mission Statement

Climate change is impacting the world and as part of the world Wingrave with Rowsham is seeking to take measures to help slow down climate change through taking actions that reduce our carbon footprint with the aim of being carbon neutral by 2030, whilst enhancing our environment, and modelling how tackling climate change brings benefits: emotional, financial and physical to members of the Parish which will inspire those around us and lead to further change.

Can we make a difference?



Yes, we can.

- Two thirds of all emissions come from what we do as individuals, where we live, the energy we use in our homes, how much we travel and how and what we eat and what we waste. A study by the University of Leeds and others found that 27% of change needed in next 10 years can come through individual actions.
- We all make approximately 3,500 decisions a day. We can assess our carbon footprint, monitor it and then reduce it. One of the most important things is to engage the community through education, pilot projects, skills training and information. As the cost of living crisis hits making changes that help the planet can also save money.
- The Parish Council can consider the decisions it makes it through a lens of sustainability in its buildings, procurement, planning decisions, both every day and in the upcoming review of the Neighbourhood Plan and can help set up projects in areas such as transport, food use and waste, energy and land use and help to support and grow current ecological and bio-diversity initiatives.

Wingrave with Rowsham Climate Action Working Group Proposed Terms of Reference

- **Purpose of the Working Group**

- The group will lead on the Parish Council's strategy to address the climate crisis, implement policies and initiate community projects. It will agree measurable objectives that result in a reduction in CO2e emissions in Wingrave with Rowsham and an increase in biodiversity.

- **Membership**

- The working group must have a minimum of three people, one of whom must be a Parish Councillor, to form a quorum and can include co-opted volunteers from the community who have an interest in this area. Each member has equal voting rights on the working group. The membership will be agreed yearly from when the group is first created, where the Chair of the Committee will also be appointed. At its first meeting after a Vice-Chair will be appointed who will chair the meetings in the absence of the Chair. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Parish Council will be ex-officio members of the working group and will have full voting rights if in attendance. Any changes to the membership of the working group during the year will be ratified by a vote within in.

- **Meetings**

- Meetings will take place a minimum of every other month. They are informal and can be held at a time and place agreed by the group and can be held virtually. A written record of each meeting should be kept by an appointed Member of the group.
- It will form part of the Parish Council's statutory records. Requests from Councillors for items to be included on the agenda will be considered in line with the Council's Standing Orders.

- **Reporting**

- The working group must produce a report to the Parish Council of their activities since the last meeting. This would include progress on projects agreed, future objectives, recommendations and any assistance needed.

Proposed Delegated Responsibilities

1. Identify main sources of emissions.
2. Identify the most impactful changes that Wingrave with Rowsham residents and organisations can make
3. Visit/research good schemes run by other Councils.
4. Create a plan of action for the next decade
5. Run pilots for each measure using enthusiastic volunteers from social networks (real and virtual) across the Parish
6. Review the Parish Council's own carbon footprint and identify measures that can be taken to move the Council to net zero carbon
7. Review the NP along green guidelines.
8. Monitor and improve measures based on feedback from pilot projects.

Things We Already do that are making a difference

- Traffic Group
- Wild
- Warm Spaces
- Wren
- Forest School
- Allotments
- CATS
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