

Climate Emergency and Environment Working Group Report 11/07/2022

Work To Date Mapped Against Strategic Objectives:

Climate Emergency and Environment Survey:

Aim: To gain residents views on which areas they felt CWPC should focus on. Areas covered were 1. Household Energy 2. Transport 3. Local / Organic Food 4. Waste / Recycling 5. Biodiversity / local environment.

Areas for PC to concentrate on to become carbon neutral:

76 responses (3% of registered voters)

66% cited Transport

65% cited Household Energy Usage

Other focus points:

- 55% interested in community orchard project
- 70% interested in having more information on Calne Community Nature Reserve
- 87% support for wildflower verges
- 94% would like local shops to sell local / organic food
- 55% interested in veg box delivery / collection service
- 76% interested in borrowing scheme
- Lobbying WC for food waste collection is top priority for waste reduction
- Education incl. emphasis on reduce and reuse is 2nd priority for waste reduction
- 66% interested in assessing the carbon footprint of their house

Biodiversity / Local Environment:

River Marden Restoration project at Sprays Farm:

2 councillors and 3 CWPC Countryside volunteers trained as RiverFly Monitors and will be setting up regular stations along the River Marden to test water quality monthly.

Brushwood berms to be installed in August (dates tbc)

Coppicing and planting work to commence in Autumn

BART to apply for FRAP from the Environment Agency in Winter

April 2023 final in-stream works to be completed

Community Orchards:

Project paper in draft and potential site identified.

Currently consulting with Derry Hill & Studley Gardening Group on Thursday 7th July and with residents at DH & Studley Fete on Saturday 9th July to begin identifying management team made up from interested councillors and volunteers from the community.

Next Steps:

Approach WC to gain support for developing site and proposal further

Cost up proposal

Paper to be brought to FC in September for approval

Further consultation and adapt proposal as required

Confirm management team

Employ orchard consultant to ensure right tree right place and plan planting scheme

Purchase trees from local nurseries if possible

Calne Community Nature Reserve:

The Calne Community Nature Reserve initiative is a wildlife-friendly gardening project, aiming to create a community nature reserve from the mosaic of spaces pledged by the people in our community. Inspired by similar projects elsewhere, most importantly the initial project in Felixstowe, the aim is to create a community nature reserve and provide a natural network for pollinators, birds, bats and other wildlife to move through rural and urban areas more easily.

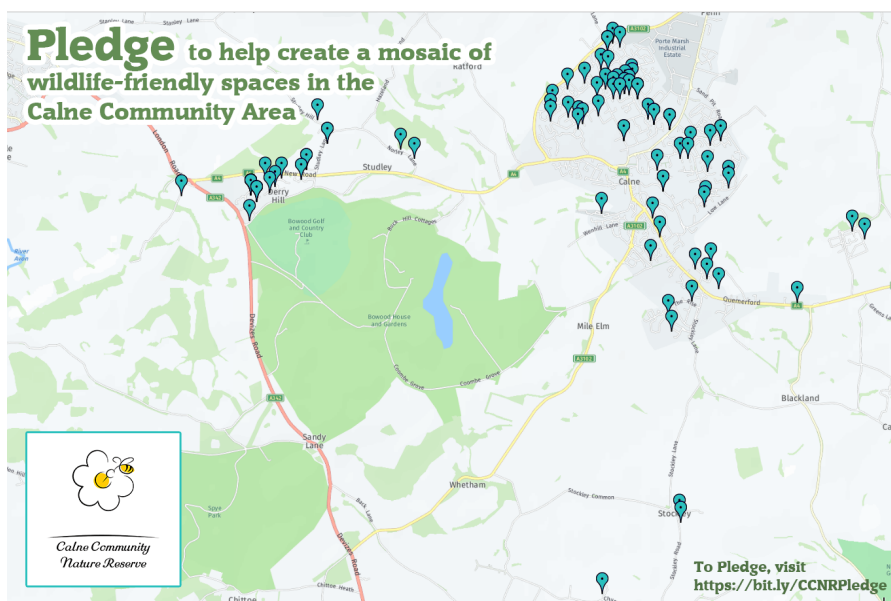
This online map (on CCNR FB page) shows pledged postcodes so members can see the emerging green corridors where wildlife can travel more easily.

100 plaques created by Men in Sheds to promote and advertise the project.

Project promoted at DH & Studley Gardening Group, DH WI and Heddington & Stockley Steam Fair resulting in 25 sign ups.

Next Steps:

Continue to promote at Derry Hill & Studley Fete, Bremzero and Cherhill Gardening Group.



Rewilding Verges:

7 potential verges identified and sent in to Wild About Wiltshire initiative

Andrea Begent from Streetscene met with Sue D about one potential site at Stockley Lane. Consultation leaflet in draft to encourage local residents to support the scheme. Pauline Crane and Sue Deedigan to leaflet the area once agreed.

Other 6 sites passed onto Highways as fall under their jurisdiction

Some guerrilla bulb planting may be happening across the parish.

Energy Saving / Green Energy Event:

This event is planned for Saturday 3rd September at Lansdowne Village Hall 10 - 2pm

Objective:

- To provide local people with practical information on how they can reduce their household energy bills. The emphasis is on reducing costs rather than carbon emissions, to make it interesting and relevant to as many people as possible.
- We will also be launching our Thermal Imaging Camera Loan Scheme at this event.

Themes:

- Heating: practical tips to reduce consumption, insulation, air tightness/ventilation/heat recovery, green heat sources (heat pumps etc), heat camera surveys (CWPC thermal imaging cameras)
- Power: practical tips to reduce consumption, energy efficient appliances, solar PV/thermal

- Transport: driving efficiently, alternatives to ICE vehicles (EVs, electric bikes etc)

Format:

- Stalls from contributors, with an emphasis on engagement and take away information (including video displays)
- Talks by contributors – short, focused on practical information and actions consumers can take
- Interactive games connected with themes & fun stuff for children and families
- Refreshments

3 volunteers have joined the CEE WG to help plan this event and to date we have a number of speakers and stalls confirmed including a talk on energy saving and insulation tips, heat pumps specialist, Wiltshire Wildlife community energy and homeowners talking about their experiences.

Budget request:

We originally budgeted for £180 for this event (£80 cost of hall, £50 printing & £50 refreshments) but now recognise this will not be enough as quotes for refreshments are coming in a lot higher. Please can we ask FC for an additional £250 to cover the shortfall.

Thank you.

Cllr Sue Deedigan