



CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP – NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10TH
NOVEMBER AT KETTERING CONFERENCE CENTRE, THURSTON DRIVE
KETTERING

Present: Cllrs Emily Fedorowycz (Chair) Scott Edwards, Mark Rowley
and Bev Wright
Also present:- Cllr Dez Dell
Martin Hammond, Clerk

Item Number	Description
1	<p>Progress with school presentations</p> <p>Cllrs Fedorowycz and Wright had presented at 5 schools on the subject of biodiversity and tree planting. It was hoped to also visit Southfields and KSA in the near future.</p> <p>Some changes were suggested to the presentation content for future events.</p> <p>The next round of talks would be on recycling and litter – agreed Cllr Edwards and Wright would lead.</p> <p>The general difficulty of getting access to some schools was noted.</p>
2	<p>Strategy Review</p> <p>The climate change forum had arrived at several priority interventions, the highest of which were;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Green roofs on bus shelters- Pond and wetlands creation- Community nature reserve- Butterfly banks <p>It was noted that the February Town Forum had sustainability as its theme and therefore the next meeting of this group should consider how that meeting should be structured.</p> <p>After discussion about how to make any strategy understood and implementable, it was</p> <p>AGREED</p> <p>a) That a climate change strategy should be developed for approval by Council</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">b) that a network of environmental champions could be developed to promote sustainable behaviours, identify and propose opportunities for investment in green outcomes and promote events and activitiesc) That KTC could take ownership of the Kettering Community Nature reserve Facebook page
3	<p>Costed options for spending KTC budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) <u>Green roofs on bus shelters</u> – AGREED that this had proved impractical because of the costs, the structures themselves and the non-engagement of Clear Channel.b) <u>Free pond kits</u> – AGREED to promote these with schools and community groups or churches where there was a degree of public access to the land in question. Kits would cost about £115 plus any labour costs if supplied by RSPB.c) <u>Balcony pots</u> – agreed this proposal would likely subsidise those people already inclined to provide their own, so it was not taken forward.d) <u>Awareness raising</u> - AGREED use should be made of pre-existing events such as Kettfest, the carnival, Rockingham Rd community event and other KTC events to promote and engage people on sustainability matters, using the resources of environment champions where possible.e) <u>Tree planting</u> – noted that there had been a high attrition rate for recently planted trees and it was AGREED that in future, older specimens should be sourced and a better management regime put in place.f) <u>Creation of “bug hotels”</u> – AGREED to explore for funding from next year’s budget
4	<p>Sustainability Hub and promotion</p> <p>This was largely populated now, but needed regular updating by the page authors. AGREED that all CCWG members would re-read the pages and suggest amends/updates.</p> <p>Noted that some of the hyper-links on the hub pages were not working.</p> <p>The existence of the hub needed to be promoted more.</p>

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5	Budgets Noted that the £3000 in this year's budget had to be spent or committed by the end of March and that it could not be routinely carried over into next year.
	Meeting closed at 9.00pm

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