

MINUTES

Staverton Climate Emergency Action Group

25th Nov 2019 at 7.00 p.m

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Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Could we have a community bus stop maybe outside the pub, where people stand for lifts from drivers passing to Totnes. Perhaps speak to Totnes climate group about a similar arrangement for getting back too.● Speak to Steam railway about a cheap season ticket for parishioners● Look at ways to do a car share scheme. Promote on mailchimp/web. Would this be a facebook group? Or just sharing emails of people interested in offering lifts / getting lifts.● Driverless cars – we should be ready for any forthcoming trials● Cycle path – David says there’s a possibility of a link through dartington woods● The group thought a path by railway would be the best option, as the flattest route.
Energy use	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● There were lots of great ideas from the citizen’s assembly but there was less focus on the simple stuff too, like turning off lights etc. We ought not to forget to provide advice on this sort of thing, perhaps as the tip of the week etc. Also look for some good advice websites.● Energy audit: Simon to fix issues with energy input and send email later in week when the form has been debugged. Everyone to persuade friends and neighbours to submit their data.
Trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Julia – urges all to look for potential sites. Packs of wips available from carbon trust.● Database so that when data is available on carbon locked up per tree, we can work it into our energy audit figures - Carmen● Website – show number planted by year maybe

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tree sub-group formed. Julia + Mel. To find others.
Life choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meat reduction. Counterproductive to push people too hard towards veganism. Better to advocate reduction (e.g. no meat before dinner). Also need a certain level of meat production – e.g. for manure to fertilise the fields naturally. ● Important to recognise that meat production in Devon is largely grass-based so quite different from overall European figures, and certainly much less carbon emitting than US intensive grain-fed farming. ● Local produce. Up to people to do own research.
Community Bank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ?
Offsetting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Idea to set up a carbon offsetting fund for parishioners to donate into when flying or otherwise creating carbon. This tackles the issues of donating to a big carbon offsetting organisation with all the problems of whether to trust that the trees planted will still be there in 10 years, and the fact that seedlings take up very little carbon for quite a few years. Instead, this money would be intended to improve insulation in local homes, targeted to lowest income families. Idea would be for the parish council to hold this money as a ringfenced fund. ● Simon to look at whether any regulations would prevent the PC from being to do this.
Share shed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Is there a website for this? ● App called Olio – give stuff away for local area (info here: https://olioex.com) ● Totnes share shed organisation buying a van to act as mobile share shed. Our group to register Staverton's interest – Carmen ● Do you need every thing you buy – could expand this into tip of the week
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Arrange visit to South Brent community action ● Next meeting at Live & Let Live ● Form sub-groups. Try and bring others. Energy, Trees, Transport subgroups formed. ● Referrals of contractors – web page - Simon

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Go see – work on your house● Arrange meeting with South Brent group - Mel |
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