

SUSTAINABLE HENFIELD 2030



Report to HCP for October 2019

SH2030 Organisation Issues:

1. **Memorandum of Understanding with HCP** – the final agreed version signed by Chair and Secretary last night
2. **GDPR and similar queries** – Does HCP have advice or guidelines on this or should we develop our own policy?
3. **Website, social media and mail:** About to set up our own carbon negative website as our mail and social media not doing everything we needed. Might take some time though.
4. **Meeting Structure** so far: weekly Pioneer Group meetings to work on strategy and overall actions, weekly Communications team meetings, less regular and informal meetings of each Action Group (Biodiversity, Consumer, Carbon Reduction and Transport) and Public meetings about every other month
5. **Keeping track of how we are doing** – Impact reports weekly, and developing an overall plan of action for us to measure our actions against. We can see that our social media posts to raise awareness of the many issues are getting more and more engagement which is very positive.
6. **We have registered as member organisation with SECA:** South East Climate Alliance

Recent Developments:

1. **Setting up a Henfield Repair Café** idea is shaping up and we have agreement in principle to run one monthly from The Haven on a Saturday morning starting January 2020. The Henfield Shed team are involved in this. We have been in touch with the Horsham Repair Cafe for ideas and gradually this project will include recycling single use plastic not taken by Horsham and other sustainable events. Our aim is to support and enhance local traders though and not take away business.
2. **Plastic Free Henfield** is a popular idea with our members and we have now applied for this accreditation process to start and for some speakers from Surfers Against Sewage who manage the community campaigns
3. **Christmas Shopping night:** We will have a stall which will be in the High Street – details to follow
7. **Charity Fair:** we will also have a stall at this local event, and one of our members is hoping to have a table at the Monday market too.
8. **Next Public Meeting:** change of venue to The Haven on 20th November. Focus on reducing single use Plastics and the '24hours of reality' climate awareness day. Speakers being confirmed.

Action Groups:

Biodiversity Action Group: Working on increasing pollination to support insects at the Borrer Bank, supporting Henfield's trees and setting up a garden chemicals amnesty which might be called Roundup your Roundup! Links with Henfield Museum, Conservation Volunteers and members of Garden Club have been fruitful. Hope to have Wildlife Friendly demonstration gardens in the next Gardens and Arts weekend in 2020.

Carbon Reduction Group and Transport Action groups: Looking at running workshops for local people on their carbon footprints, and possibly setting up a Climate Aware Household poster scheme linked with the WSCC Climate Pledge, and larger projects include investigating the car clubs and local community energy generation.

Consumer Action Group: Focussing on plastic reduction at first, and will have a speaker from Horsham regarding their use of Terracycle to take unrecycled plastic and other items at the next Action group meeting on Monday. Have written to local businesses regarding reducing our plastic in the village- and we believe Budgens is taking action... but may be a co-incidence of timing.

There is plenty going on and much more we hope to do.

Gill Perry for SH2030