

Climate Change Working Party

Report back to Full Council – Feb 2020

After the decision at full council to convene a Climate Change Working Party, a first meeting was held on 22 January 2020.

Participants included:

Cllrs Martin, Peggs, Bickford, Miller, Gilles and Yates

Members of other bodies included members from SEA and XR including Environmental Citizen of the Year Marianne Beale, STC Tree Warden Adrian White and Environmental Scientist Rebecca Pearce. David Bennett also attended from SNP and Essa Cycling Club.

Cllr Martin was elected Chair and Rebecca Pearce Vice Chair.

The meeting discussed an approach to looking at how STC could participate in the Climate Change agenda as a local council using the example of other parish councils such as Landulph.

It was agreed to scope out an initial draft Statement of Intent which will be finalised at the next working party meeting tbc. The first action of such a statement would be to undertake an energy audit of STC.

Subsequent meetings will start to scope out a more detailed document which would incorporate information needed to fulfil the targets of the SNP.

A further action of the group will be to begin to specify things that residents can do on an individual basis to support changes that need to be made in line with the governments climate change agenda – practical steps that can be taken to decrease carbon usage which will have the added benefit of reducing energy costs and increase health of our town's population.

Examples of this could be getting more children and parents to walk to school; changing over to LED light bulbs; using public transport for simple journeys where a car is not necessary etc.

Interested members of the community have/will be invited to attend the next meeting.

Cllr Martin