Climate Group report for April 27 PCC

# Ongoing

Climate group continue to meet monthly and chase through actions agreed by PCC or agreed at previous meetings

Recently we:

* Found out more about ideas of **sourcing and eating food locally**
* Updated our actions to complete the **360-degree survey (https://360carbon.org/)** of where we are as a Church on Environmental issues- we are using 2019 as a baseline
* Completed the **Energy Efficiency tool for Church of England** which gives us an “interesting” measure of our Carbon footprint and energy efficacy of the building
* Agreed specific actions for the group to implement before the autumn so that we can move ahead with **ECO Church** (<https://app.ecochurch.org/about>) – we currently have a bronze award
* Looked at our Communications for Climate Crisis
* Thought about BIG IDEAS (see below)
* And worked on details for the Climate weekend (which by PCC hopefully will have a better name)- see below

In Terms of the weekend- 5th and 6th of June (apart from finding a name)

we would like PCC to endorse the following:

AIMS

 Raise awareness in Congregation and Community about Climate issues/ Crisis

 Kick start some of the wider congregation actions / culture changes

 Do something practical together and hopefully join with others

 Have fun and fellowship

PLAN (all have actions with them)

Saturday

i. Litter Pick Saturday morning – start at Church Garden, work way past allotments and Orchard to Gartside gardens/ Cray walk and if time back via Boulevard

ii. Saturday pm -Planting/ gardening in Church garden, planters outside church and highlight allotments -

iii. Saturday evening – Film (2040) plus Jas/ Rosa trailer – maybe with Stalls that have info/ campaigns. Need to watch covid restrictions.

iv. Sunday Morning Service – Jess to organise but involve group as needed- Guess there will be more detailed actions/ thoughts closer to event

v. Sunday Lunch – Vegan/ Vegetarian – Depends on Covid and weather- at moment an aspiration OR fall back is that a group cooks vegan/ vegetarian

PCC to comment, question and endorse

# Bigger Issues

As previously advised, Edwin has now begun his course with the Diocese and even after a couple of sessions there are many suggestions as what we can do/ alter/ think and pray about.

One idea is the New Brunswick Solar Farm – now if that hasn’t got you asking questions nothing will!

Finally – we are looking for campaigns we can join and one of our Mission partners (Tear Fund) has suggested that this might be one – Wave of Hope ( <https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/reboot-campaign/wave-of-hope>?)

# 3 month actions Update

The Specific actions for the first 3 months were: (with updates/ comments in red)

1. Ensure we have a baseline measurement of Church activities- started work on 3 different ways of measuring baseline for 2019 (eco church, 360 degree and Energy Tool )
2. That Eco Church Survey is re -examined and a list of next specific actions be created- this has been done and actiosn now allocated for next 6 months
3. Check if “360degree carbon” offers any / different measurement to Eco Church -*It does and we are working our way through its suggestions*
4. There needs to be a Climate Change Monthly Notice- either activity or campaign that Church members can get involved in – its become the weekly Climate corner spot – plus larger notices
5. Specific offers/ actions that are cost neutral should be investigated – these involve: *Both*
   1. ECO washing sheets rather than plastic containers from Supermarket -not yet done tho Ocean saver offered
   2. Looking to see if Bulk buying can reduce green products price (e.g. Whogivesacrap loo paper) -process begun as regards food
   3. Ensure church starts to use Eco Products for cleaning and recycled paper- on specific actions going forward – Mo aware
6. Engage others at Church (young people?) to get them involved in these actions- To ask Naomi (x2), and Jess – Rosa and Jas part of monthly meetings
7. Continue to engage with OMI regarding ReFurb being as eco-friendly as possible-especially with heating and energy supplies *– possibly a little behind with this – need to ensure phase 2 is more eco friendly*

*We will try and set out specific actions for next 6 months and advise to June PCC for rest of year but think that we have made a start on the journey*

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