

ARDWICK CLIMATE CHANGE SUMMIT – 9th November 2021 – TABLE THEMES NOTES

REDUCE, RE-USE, RECYCLE

Q. How can we get others involved?

- Awareness on Social Media, Schools events about the benefits of recycling
- Show them where their non-recycled things end up, for example in the sea killing fish etc
- Why recycling is important because it is very valuable, its for our environment. Please recycle its for our planet, our home, our city, please recycle

Q. What are you doing already?

- I take all the Recycling Bins out at home
- Recycle, Compost Bin
- We are recycling already so we can help the animals in the water so they don't get sick and die
- The various bins every week
- Using recycling bins, composting, using the green waste for a wormery. Cooking just enough just for one person, no waste. Low energy usage
- Donate old clothes and make new clothes with recycled fabric
- Compost, Recycling Bins and trying very hard to reduce plastic use, (bars of soap not liquid containers), Control heating levels
- Green Bin Waste & Food
- Brown Bin for tins, bottles and glass bottles. Blue bin for paper and boxes
- Re-use, reduce, recycle
- Recycling old clothes, re-using old cardboard to make other things

Q. What/How can this barrier be removed?

- Increase what can be recycled eg more plastic than bottles
- Same recycling across the country
- Wider range of plastic to be recycled
- Support for local Manchester businesses to not use non-recyclable materials
- Why can't more plastic be recycled? Other Areas take ALL plastics
- Apartments don't have a Green Bin
- No, I want to keep recycling, nothing can stop me from recycling
- Being shown how to use your leftovers. Having the resources to make it easy to do so
- LOVE FOOD, HATE WASTE.

Q. What else do you want/can you do?

- Better, Clearer signage on the bins themselves
- Try to re-use items like jars and bottles
- People contaminate other peoples bins. Not sure how this can be stopped
- Catch and punish Fly-Tippers
- Litter/Fly Tipping Wardens paid for by imposing Bigger Fines

HOME– FOOD, WATER & ENERGY

Q. How can you get others involved?

- Put signs and posters up
- Tell them to please stop Carbon Dioxide
- We encourage recycling from Year 1 at Medlock Primary which empowers the children to do it
- Chase down Housing Providers for improvements
- Get raised beds in City View House. Contact Hanif 07957 317707
- Can Housing Providers give us advice on how to look after and make our Garden greener
- Get the children more involved in Food, Water & Energy

Q. What are you doing already?

- Use less electricity when not needed
- Get a Smart Meter
- Solar Panels 10 years ago

Q. Is there anything stopping you from taking action?

- What support will I get for the disruption to my home
- Housing Providers to lobby Local Government & Companies
- Examples of local houses with changes seem like experiments
- Cost of Gas Boiler alternatives
- Some difficulty getting Smart Meters from Utility Suppliers and getting them commissioned
- I like eating food and I don't remember to switch lights off at home
- I enjoy eating and gaming too much and am finding it hard to make sacrifices like that yet

Q. What else can you/want to do?

- Use up leftovers
- Reduce Food Waste, Compost/Recycle Food Waste and buy food not in plastic
- Less packaging on food or recyclable packaging
- Stop using Gas Boiler but the alternatives are too expensive
- Turn lights off and don't waste water when washing up
- Reduce food and water waste and turn off lights when not in use

GREEN SPACES

Q. What are you doing already?

- Raised beds in Orchard managed by COMAS
- Hanworth Close – Gray Walk area, planted up COMAS
- Beds built in Church Car Park
- Local activists creating hedgerow preventing pollution from A6
- Wild flower areas in and to the side of Gartside Gardens, (by Council)
- Dean Trust Ardwick have a new allotment
- Groves Community Garden
- On COMAS Committee have planted Bee friendly plants in raised beds
- Eco Council Forest School Gardening – Medlock Primary
- Community Garden with trees and shrubs between two streets, Hidden – The Groves M13
- Please contact us at Cityview House regarding use of our space for GREEN
- Church Community Garden 6 months old – Shrubs and Plants

Q. What else do you want/can you do?

- Engaging more with young people – future of greenspaces maintaining
- More mature trees to replace those cut down during renovation
- Space between fence and hedge, Cornbrook on Polygon Avenue – would benefit from planting bee friendly flowers
- Action on Fly Tipping
- Friends of Parks Groups – cleaning up existing parks and green spaces
- Local lobbying – more Green Spaces
- Need to focus on collective action rather than individuals
- It would be great to get a commitment from MCC that they will not sell off any more green land or build on it/allow building on it

Q. Is there anything stopping you from taking action?

Q. What are the barriers and how could these be removed?

- More support from colleagues
- Complication of installation eg, Water Butts
- Legal requirements regarding balcony width for planters
- Litter/Fly Tipping – Warden System paid for by fines
- Lack of trust from Housing Associations/Council for the community to take ownership
- Negative attitude to trees by neighbours
- Funding for schools eg, Equipment

Q. How can we get others involved?

- Brunswick Green Walk – Great Big Green Walk
- Show what can be done in small spaces
- Get Authorities onside to grown in Green Spaces
- Social Media awareness
- Give people an idea of what can be implemented in these spaces

ACTIVE TRAVEL & AIR QUALITY

Q. How can we get others involved in this?

- Link Areas
- Walking Routes
- Improve Signage
- Promote Cycling
- Grove Village Grow Your Own
- Cycle Routes for all, especially children
- We have asked others to help fitting E-Points in Church Car Parks and have paid for the infrastructure
- Stop people using cars for short journeys like nearby school drop-offs
- Improve safety, free from harassment and violence
- Minimize Covid Risk
- Chase Up Housing Providers for improvements
- Link Green Areas
- Improve Signage eg, This is an Active Walkway

Q. What are you doing already?

- E-points at Brunswick Church
- Solar Panels on this and other buildings
- Planting to make area more attractive and encourage more Active Transport & Walking
- I am walking to more places instead of using public transport to reduce pollution
- Chase down Housing Providers for improvements
- I try to walk as much as possible, including to school
- Solar panels on this building!!
- Planting along Cycle and Walking Routes – make them more attractive
- Brunswick Church planning and hoping to fit 2 of E Points in their Car Park and are seeking help from local organisations. University has said yes and waiting to hear from Council and S4B

Q. Is there anything stopping you from taking action – if so , what and how can this barrier be removed?

- Lot about Cycling
- Barrier of COVID
- Confidence & Safety
- Infrastructure
- Lack of Cycling Lanes
- Stop Litter in the present and future
- Stop pulling up plants
- Use electric cars
- Safer Cycle Routes
- Plant More Trees
- Enough E Charging Points
- More Electric Buses
- Training and Education
- Under 16's have to pay for the bus
- More inclusive
- COST. Govt grants for home E points. This requires off road parking and we live in a terrace
- Personal Confidence, Infrastructure, Personal Needs
- COVID has changed peoples priorities
- Cost of buying bikes

Q. What else do you want/can you do?

- Re-introduce Green Walking Route
- Connect to other areas
- Promote benefits of Active Travel
- Encourage School to do more to reduce cars on the school run
- Walk to the shops instead of using a vehicle
- Promoting the benefits
- Clean Air Walking Routes
- The Areas, **B??N** Grove Village Brunswick should have a linked path
- Can schools ban cars within certain radius of school
- Green Walk from Brunswick to Ardwick