



Needham Market Town Council
Climate Awareness Group
MINUTES: Tuesday 10th January 2023
7pm, Green Room, Needham Market Community Centre

Present	Amanda Reardon (Chair); Nicola Booth; Andy France; Ross Piper; Martin O'Shea; Jo Lea; John Reardon; John Mattissen; Jo Hughes.
Apologies	Jean Pittaway, Martin Ost.
Minutes of last meeting	These were agreed as an accurate record.
Thermal Imaging Camera – planning the details.	There are tutorials to look at and these are very brief. The CAG has an account and you need to log in and download an app. You link the equipment to your phone, and this then shows where the heat is escaping. You must have your phone the correct way round! Amanda will send details to those who will be operating the cameras. There is a poster which explains the aims of the thermal imaging project- • Raise awareness of insulation and help improve energy efficiency in home. • What can you learn? If your house is new learn not much but if older you may be able to find ways to improve efficiency? The toolkit then gives websites we can signpost people to, websites with hints and tips. We can link this to Earth Day and add this to the poster. Amanda will adapt the poster. Heat loss can be due to a variety of ways and solutions can cause other problems so this needs to be managed. Amanda reassured that we are not giving specific suggestions but sign posting people. Andy- we need to make sure we are effective and introduce ourselves to the community as something effective. We need to manage to the expectations of people in Needham Market and don't promise too much. The group gets the cameras on the 22nd March (suggestion to start with the community centre on this night). Consideration needs to be taken regarding the weather conditions which will affect the thermal picture (e.g. if there has been a long day of sun then the bricks could show as being warm). Need to consider the buildings and which side we take readings as you get better results on the shady side of the building as opposed to the sunny side. The owners will be given their pictures and then they can bring them to Earth Day for advice from someone with knowledge. Mustn't assume that people will understand the image but there is further information on the tutorial we can use to support this. Nicola to write something to explain their pictures that they will receive. There are 12 evenings where it could be possible to use the camera so we could do up to 24 homes.
Earth Day April 22 nd	Nicola suggested that an expert from Mixbrow could come and talk and support with thermal imaging results. To offer a variety of choice, Greenscape energy could discuss heat pumps and Mid Suffolk heritage officers could come on earth day. Amanda has organised: Needham Market in Bloom will make seed bombs Rangers and guides to run refreshments Choose Refills SCC attending with a stand promoting reducing food waste, recycling and home composting Suffolk Wildlife Trust have been emailed (Ross can chase up) The men's shed are very busy but they could facilitate making bug hotels. Nicola has talked to Neon Street who do event management.

	Ross can do a bug hunt, moth trap and organise the bug hotel making- use a tin can. Ross to email Orchard Barn (Ringshall) she does a lot of courses and learn whilst building her house- https://www.orchardbarn.org.uk/ Jo Hughes to ask Chloe Hayward – Roots and Shoots to see if they would like a stall and if they have any waste that could be used for the Bug Hotels. Jo Hughes to contact Bosmere to see if Eco Council can come.
Project updates	Andy discussed meadow management. 3 locations can easily be used Pinecroft, Hargrave and Hurstlea. Crowley Park Road where they are using the green areas for parking will look a mess with people driving over it and Highlands walk being formal may generate an aesthetic issue. Look at going ahead with the 3 easy locations. Signs will be provided on these sites for education purposes. This will be put in the newsletter as we need to inform residents as to what is happening.
Potential sites for electric vehicles.	See PowerPoint. There is funding available to support the implementation. Next step: Nicola will contact James with regards to a proposal of the next steps needed to action these electricity points.
Middle School Field	It has been agreed but we are still waiting for official signature.
Logo	A logo was chosen.
Pond	20th February Mid Suffolk have organised for an environmental company to desilt the pond and profile the bank.
Barking Road Public Enquiry	This is being discussed at Often Village Hall. It begins on 7th February and is open for 8 days.
AOB	The town council are trying to get more trees listed so that they cannot be cut down. In particular, the cedars trees as they have historical and landscape significance.
Next Meeting	Tuesday 28 th February 7pm