



Needham Market Town Council
Climate Awareness Group
MINUTES: Tuesday 21st May 2024
7pm, Green Room

Present	Amanda Reardon (Chair); John Reardon; Martin O'Shea; Jo Hughes; Andy France;
Apologies	Ross Piper; Mark Dimes; Alan Wilkinson, Richard Pittaway, Nicola Booth, John Matthissen, Josephine Lea
Minutes of last meeting	The minutes of the meeting held on 16.04.2024 were approved.
Middle School Field:	Ross will do an audit of the field so that we are aware of what is already there in terms of fauna and flora. CAG have been asked to put forward suggestions for development for consultation. This item will be postponed until the audit has been completed. There will be limitations to what is possible within the lease agreement.
Community Orchard	• Amanda will write a letter to the Rangers to thank them for the sign. • The sign needs to be moved higher so that it is safer. • The IBC is now in place, containers could possibly be kept next to the tank. • There has been a concern raised by a councillor over the safety of the water in terms of bacteria. It was agreed that we will advise waterers to wash their hands after. • John R and Andy will meet in the next few days to lift the IBC onto the pallets and install the divertor. • It was agreed that it is worth protecting the trees further. This will be with 4 wooden posts as a frame with stock wire enclosing the square. John will work towards installing on two trees to test the idea and we can then move forward to install all. • It was agreed that our next meeting would be to install the frames to all trees. There are 9 trees so 36 posts will be needed. Andy will seek to borrow a fence post driver. • Amanda will get the watering rota organised with Richard.
Cedar Trees	It was agreed to proceed with the TPO application. Martin O'Shea agreed to begin the application. The guidance from Mid Suffolk says that it will not stop a development however it is important that there is a TPO so that everyone is aware.
Community Education	There is a continuing need to inform and educate the population of the town regarding climate change issues. In particular, what they can do to help and what resources are available. Quite a few new residents have been and will be moving into the town and we could make sure they are informed about recycling, sustainable travel, and local food for example. It was agreed that the best way forward is to collate a number of items to convey and to do this via the Facebook page, the newsletter and website. Amanda will put together an initial list.
AOB	• Andy- Has there been any feedback on new signage regarding meadow management? Currently we have not had any feedback. Ross had talked about using locality budget to pay for the scarifying. Amanda to follow this up. • Alan Parsons (member of public) has offered to pay for native wildflower seed to go around the lake and has been liaising with MSDC about this. Intended date for planting is in October and members of the public may be asked to get involved.
Next Meetings	18.06.24 Working party to install tree protection. 23.07.24 Meeting in Green Room.