



Needham Market Town Council
Climate Awareness Group
MINUTES: Tuesday 28th February 2023
7pm, Green Room, Needham Market Community Centre

Present	Amanda Reardon (Chair); Andy France; Ross Piper; Martin O'Shea; Jo Lea; John Reardon; John Mattissen; Jo Hughes.
Apologies	Nicola Booth, Jean Pittaway
Minutes of last meeting	The minutes (10.01.2023) were approved.
Thermal Imaging Camera – planning the details.	The uptake for the camera has been very successful. 22 forms have been delivered and 17 forms have been returned. We are not taking anymore bookings for this service. Nicola has organised for Sandlings properties (SEH French group). They will come on Earth Day and give advice on the thermal imaging from the cameras. The temperature difference is crucial or we will not be giving accurate information, this means that we may not be able to go ahead with the survey. People have been informed about this in the hope that expectations will be managed if we cannot go ahead. If it goes well, we will ask for it again next year but at a different time of the year where the weather will be more suitable. We need commitment to carry out the training and the surveys- March 22nd-2nd April Looking at 8pm onwards for the survey. Amanda will send round a timetable for people to sign up. We get the machine on Tuesday 21st and we can use it at the community centre to see how the unit works.
Earth Day April 22 nd 9-4 but open 10-3	Confirmed- • SCC with their stand on recycling and food waste • Choose Refills van • Greenspace (solar panels and heat pump information) • NMIB seed bombs • Brownies and Rangers refreshments • Bird table/insect hotels (made by men's shed)- Ross to make an example of the insect hotel • Suffolk Wildlife Trust will be doing some engagement activities • Ross- bug thing – timed activities 11 am and 1pm (weather dependent) • Sandlings properties Bosmere may have a stall to show what they do at the eco council. There may be a stall from a group of children. There could be an option for someone to sell their vegan skincare- suggested that they have an activity e.g. make your own lip balm to fit with the ethos of the event. Suggestion that someone came and talk about sustainable materials for insulation. Repair café. Stowmarket Eco futures group could come and have a table. QR code for information regarding wildlife. Jo H to contact Roots and Shoots. Pledge tree.
Project updates	Biodiversity- Richard Parmee to be contacted by Andy France to ensure the areas are mapped correctly. There is a map on the Mid Suffolk Website we can look at next time. EV- meeting with the climate change manager (district council). The walk about was discussed and our notes will be shared- John M.

	Andy raised that the charging point at the lake will be disconnected as per the orders of Mid Suffolk District Council. John to investigate as to why this is. Also discussed having the appropriate charging points in the appropriate places- at the Co-op having a 7kw charger is pointless as it charges so slowly.
AOB	Network Rail have offered some mature hedging to compensate for hedging which was removed. The location has been decided upon – near the mound and mature trees in Crowley park. This will create an area which could be used for other CAG projects. Vertas will keep it watered for the first year.
Next Meeting	Tuesday 21 st March 7pm