



Needham Market Town Council
Climate Awareness Group
MINUTES: Tuesday 16th April 2024
7pm, Green Room

Present	Amanda Reardon (Chair); Jo Lea; Jo Hughes; Jean Pittaway;; Andy France; Ross Piper
Apologies	Jo Lea, Alan Wilkinson, Richard Pittaway, Nicola Booth, John Matthissen, John Reardon
Minutes of last meeting	The minutes of the meeting held on 27.02.2024 were approved.
Middle School Field Consultation	Audit of natural assets – Ross Piper will complete the audit and provide a report. The town council would like to have an audit of what is currently in the field- trees etc The public consultation will take place June/July. Next steps- this committee will put forward some ideas for the community to comment on such as increasing the biodiversity etc.
Meadow Management	We made some suggestions to Richard, and he has responded as per notes on the agenda. Andy France suggested going with the suggestions and concentrating on an area to make it as a public show of what will happen so that people can see that this can be a positive development - fewer, more successful areas. Pinecroft and Quinton Road areas could be scarified- (look at using a district councillors location grant) and then seeded. Best to do this in October/November. Amanda will contact Richard regarding this. Amanda has shared some information in the Needham Market Newsletter. Jean suggested that it could be a good idea to get recognition regarding hedgehog environment as a positive angle.
Community Orchard	• Trees- additional trees have been planted as they were donated. There are possibilities that we can have more donations in the future. • Lawn mowing- Vertas are responsible for mowing the lawn. • Ranger's sign has been installed but it is on the grass and may not last as long in its current position. This would also make it more visible. • Water storage update- Ross and Terry have collected an IBC. It has been chained up and John Mattison will contact Jigsaw regarding this and where best to position it. Jean will discuss with Richard and Andy and Ross are happy to help. We need some vessels to carry the water. Jean has access to some empty refillable containers which are very suitable. • What's next- we will need to have a watering rota.
Thermal Imaging Project	We have 7 people left on the list but the conditions have not been kind to us so they will be first on the list for the autumn. • Additional volunteers to take images – Jo is happy to be added to the rota. • Indoor project lead- We would like to lend it out to people so that they can borrow it and assess the insides of their house. We need someone to take a lead with this.
AOB	• Can Jo and Andy be added to the CAG WhatsApp group? • Claire Ling sent an email regarding engagement. SCC would like to run a community engagement session which raises awareness in the community. They want to raise awareness with those who are not climate aware. The national initiative is called The Strategy Room. It is an interactive experience. They want 12 people who need to increase their knowledge in this area. Participants get paid a £20 voucher for their time. See the link strategyroom.uk for more information.
Next Meeting	21.05.24 Green Room