

# **Climate Change, Biodiversity and Pollution Forum**

## **AGENDA**

**2 September 2025 7:30pm at Mandeville Hall, Burwell**

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Approval of the minutes of 22 April 2025**
- 3. Declaration of interests**
- 4. Updates from previous meeting and action points**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Actions agreed</b>
<b>4.1 Earth Cafes</b>	
Rachel O'Leary attended the Earth Café in the library run by Paul Webb and Peter Bates and Jeremy Patterson. Mainly about renewable energy for the home. There were discussions about another one. Small attendance of relatively knowledgeable attendees. The committee discussed that the challenge is attracting those that are less knowledgeable about climate impact.	Nothing noted.
<b>4.2 Action Plans</b>	
<p>Biodiversity Plan Nicky Hallows (NH) and Katherine Hyett (KH) have updated and Katherine will circulate to members of the CBP forum. NH is waiting for wildlife counts from Martin O'Leary (MOL)</p> <p>It was previously agreed that the relevant vision plans from Spring Close and Pauline's Swamp should be incorporated. The update of these plans has now been moved to Colin Smith.</p> <p>Pollution Plan To be created following Biodiversity Plan</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. KH to circulate current draft for comment with an aim to finalise at the next meeting.</li><li>2. MOL to send wildlife counts to NH</li><li>3. Spring Close mgt committee to provide updated vision plans to KH</li></ol>
<b>4.3 Swish and Repair Cafes</b>	
9 Repair cafes and 3 swish cafes. Geraldine Tate confirmed she had been informed that it is now the 2 <sup>nd</sup> biggest swish in Cambridgeshire. Cambridge Carbon Footprint donations will be match funded next week. Burwell Parish Council (BPC) are using money raised to provide donations to local groups. Plan to donate £250 to Cambridge Carbon Footprint which would be doubled.	Nothing noted.
<b>4.4 Net Zero</b>	

<p>Chair update: Things moving on at apace in the village. As a community we have made excellent progress on getting grant funding, museum has now installed solar panels.</p> <p>The Chair talked about solar farms and battery stations being developed in the locality. Mentioned Greenergy project on Hightown Drove. He feels this group is important to ensure appropriate community feedback.</p> <p>Lea Dodds provided a more detailed update on the Greenergy project – they are using 1/3 to 2/3 of the field, the rest will be retained for agricultural use or conversion to wildflower meadows etc.</p> <p>Rachel O'Leary highlighted that current objections seem more focussed on fire risk now than noise. Liz Swift talked about where we think Burwell South will be. Jim Perry stated that what he finds disagreeable is that the plans are already in place and we have little opportunity to influence.</p> <p>Lea Dodds highlighted the website: <a href="http://energydashboard.co.uk">energydashboard.co.uk</a> – you can see where our energy is coming from.</p> <p>The group agreed we must try and mitigate some of the worse aspects and get community benefits.</p> <p>Rachel O'Leary asked about grazing sheep under solar farms. Nicky Hallows raised hedging and how that can be implemented.</p> <p>Rachel O'Leary also raised the education aspect and that we need to show we are listening to local people's concerns.</p>	
<b>4.5 Wildlife Corridor</b>	
<p>Previous minutes: <i>Wildlife Corridor between Spring Close and Priory Wood:</i></p> <p><i>Nicky Hallows has contacted the Woodland Trust – they have now decided they are not interested. She will contact the farmer directly. Julia Rogers suggested that Nicky should speak to Michael Geary about it. Nicky highlighted that there are incentives from the Government re. Forestry</i></p> <p>No further update at this meeting.</p>	<p><b>Nicky Hallows to contact farmer/Michael Geary.</b></p>

5. **Spring Close Chalk Stream and pollution – update and discussion**
6. **Local Nature Recovery Strategy – email correspondence to share with CBP Forum**
7. **Any Other Business**
8. **Date of the next meeting**