

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 14TH 2021

Item 10 - To receive and approve a Climate Emergency updating report

Greening Copythorne



Having joined the Greening Campaign we now have our own logo 'Greening Copythorne'

An article was placed in the September 2021 newsletter as follows:-

"We have now joined the Greening Campaign (see our new logo!). The Greening Campaign believes that Parish Councils are a very important link to tackling Climate Change. This campaign offers a structured approach and support that will guide us through a process that gives the best chance in moving the Parish towards being more sustainable.

Phase 1 of this campaign is: Engagement and behaviour change by getting as many people as possible in the community joining together to make significant changes to their lifestyle.

I am looking for volunteers who believe like me that as a community we can make a difference and who would be willing to help in engaging the whole community in this part of the process. If interested, please email Jackie Rhodes at jackierhodes1111@gmail.com "

NEXT STEPS:-

In early October 2021, invites will be sent to all local businesses and community groups inviting them to a public meeting to be held late October/early November 2021. The venue for this public meeting will be dependent on numbers of attendees expected. Details of this meeting will be placed in the October 2021 newsletter, on Facebook, on noticeboards, and on the Council website.

Public Meeting

This will be our opportunity to convince the community that they need to come together to help reduce the effects of Climate Change.

This meeting will include:

- An overview of the campaign
- Challenges for the whole community will be chosen. The challenges are simple actions that households can commit to that make an impact on the environment.
- Contact details will be collected
- Members for a task force (reporting to the Parish Council's Five Year Plan Advisory Committee) will be decided

The challenges will be printed on a leaflet and distributed to every household/business in the parish following a launch early February 2022.

Recommendations for approval by Council:-

1. Agree to the running of a public meeting. The cost of the venue is not yet known but the meeting will last no more than 2 hours (circa £50)
2. Once challenges have been decided, the challenge leaflets will be printed by approved greening campaign printers at a cost of just under £200.

(Note: £200 of the 2021/22 agreed £250 budget for Environmental Projects remains available)

Cllr. Jackie Rhodes
August 26th 2021