

CONNECTING LOW CARBON GROUPS ACROSS THE COUNTY

Low Carbon Warwickshire Network Newsletter

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The Low Carbon Warwickshire Network aims to connect low carbon groups across the county, sharing ideas and stimulating and supporting new activity. Although primarily rural in focus, we exclude no one.



<https://www.harburyenergy.co.uk/warwickshire-low-carbon-network>

Welcome to the Low Carbon Warwickshire Network (LCWN) Newsletter

The LCWN aims to create a central hub providing guidance, information and inspiration for new and existing groups, mainly in rural areas. 'Low Carbon Communities' events have been held in Harbury, Napton on the Hill, Henley-in-Arden, Church Lawford, Boddington and Kenilworth.

The next event is with Sustainable Brailles on 28th January 2023

LCWN Steering Group

We are very keen to expand the existing steering group membership to include a few more representatives from the groups in the Network. For continuity and better representation this is really important. We meet infrequently and only when we have something of significance to discuss, and there is no Treasurer role! Please do think of joining us. **If you can spare just a few hours a year please contact Bob Sherman:**

lowcarbonwarks@gmail.com

The Kenilworth All Together Greener, LCWN and RSA Event at Kenilworth Methodist Church, Saturday 15th October – Inspiring Action

We would like to give a huge **thank you** to all of those who attended the Kenilworth Inspiring Action event on Saturday 15th October. There was a fantastic turnout and the event was successful in bringing together community groups and individuals who are passionate about sharing their ideas, knowledge and experiences.

The morning began with presentations from our speakers which focused on how community groups and local residents are actively working towards protecting biodiversity and the climate for our future generations.

Each presentation was full of information on the amazing work taking place within the community and how other residents are able to get involved. The room was then split into breakout sessions with each community group representative, enabling participants to discuss further queries and thoughts. There was an incredible level of engagement and energy throughout the event which resulted in the session being a true success; representing the values and aims that the LCWN advocates.



Our speakers included:

Jan Burnell: Kenilworth All Together Greener

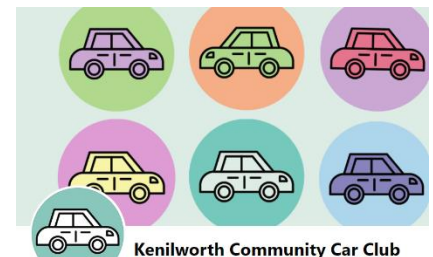
Kenilworth All Together Greener are a community group dedicated to tackling climate issues and helping increase awareness on how people can live more sustainability, assisting in making the planet greener. Jan Burnell (chair of Kenilworth All Together Greener) did an incredible job in organising and hosting the Inspiring Action event, which was very much enjoyed by each attendee.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100066584154699>



Andrew Milton: Kenilworth Car Club

It was really exciting to hear about a new initiative that has formed in Kenilworth, enabling motorists to lend and hire cars in the local area. In addition to being hugely beneficial to the local residents, the Kenilworth Car Club will assist in reducing CO₂ emissions and bringing the community together. It will also help in reducing the amount of cars parked on the streets, which can be particularly problematic in smaller areas. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083493486660>



Sharon Maxted: Kenilworth Repair Cafe

Do you have any broken items around the house and fancy a slice of cake and chinwag with your local community whilst it's being fixed?! The Kenilworth Repair Cafe is the place to go - open on the 3rd Saturday of every month and welcome to everyone. We were shown examples of lots of great repairs from the sessions, which included children's toys, woodwork, electricals and much more! The next event is on the 19th November, be sure to drop on and join the fun!

<https://www.repaircafe-kenilworth.org/>



Fern Arnold: Bee Friendly Kenilworth

The importance of bees and biodiversity is often overlooked, Fern Arnold, from Bee Friendly Kenilworth gave a thought-provoking talk, sharing information on the need to protect pollinators and how the group have been taking active measures to help. There was also lots of information on how everyone can play a part in being 'bee friendly', such as planting wildflowers and reserving green/wild spaces in gardens and verges (and wherever possible!).

<https://www.facebook.com/BeeFriendlyKenilworth/>



Professor Reza Ziarati: Coventry and Warwickshire Air Quality Peoples Chamber, C4FF



The audience was captivated by an information-packed presentation from Professor Reza Ziatari, with a focus on educating schools and the huge benefits that can be gained from our children; both educationally and physically. The health impacts caused by air pollutants are staggering, responsible for millions of premature deaths globally. In England and its region, 5% of deaths are due to poor air quality. C4FF has helped set up several climate change action networks, two local networks being the Air Quality Peoples Chamber and the Inspire Group. Educational packs which provide interactive and engaging activities for students have been issued across thousands of schools, teaching children valuable skills and increasing awareness on sustainability and climate issues. www.cwairquality.com www.c4ff.co.uk

Tony McNally: The West Midlands Solar Opportunity Project

The need to increase renewable energy and act on carbon emissions produced from burning fossil fuels has never been greater. Tony McNally, managing director of Climate Change Solutions, gave a passionate talk on why it is paramount that there is a shift towards clean energy and integrating renewable technologies into new builds in addition to adding retrofit technologies onto existing properties. Another key to finding a solution to the climate change crisis is the ability to be able to produce and source local, green energy and the need for policy change.

[Climate Change Solutions \(climate-change-solutions.co.uk\)](http://climate-change-solutions.co.uk)





Emma Powell, LCWN, Octopus Energy

If you would like to host a funded “Low Carbon Community” event where you live, please email: lowcarbonwarks@gmail.com and let us know where and when and we will support you in planning it. You will not be on your own.

An event is being planned at Wren Hall with Shrewley and Wroxall Environment Action Team (SWEAT) and Beausale, Hasley and Honiley in early March 2023 and.



WDC's mini COP27 event inspired Matt Black, environmental poet, to commemorate the occasion. Matt is a semi-retired professional poet who loves to use poetry to help (for free, of course) with all types of environmental causes. New poems, readings, performances, campaigns etc.

Tick tock

In the grandeur of the panelled Chamber
with its pomp of power and stained-glass windows
we are humbled by the simple words of David Attenborough –

It won't be easy, but it's doable -
We can do it, we must do it
For the future of the planet

One point five degrees, one point five degrees,
tick tock, tick tock, the clock at the back of the room

Sixty-five people gather, thinking global, acting local
Creating change and hope

Planting more trees, flowers for bees,
Fruit and veg sharing, café repairing,
Green home grants, allotment plants,
Air source heating, foundry woods meeting,
Cycle byways, hedgehog highways,

Do what you can, it depends who you are,
Send emails, petitions, or give up the car,
Contribute less to aeroplane trails,
Send politicians demand-action emails,

Small steps, and spread the word,
Do the action you find,
For you won't plough a field
By turning it over in your mind

All power to the people of action
All power to the people of hope

One point five degrees, one point five degrees,
Tick tock, tick tock, tick tock

This poem was written as a celebration and memento of the COP 27 talks
which took place at Leamington Town Hall, at which various environmental
groups and campaigns gave inspiring and interesting talks, including Bob
Sherman of LCWN.



Matt Black, *Research Poet-in-Residence, Dogs Trust 2021*

Sniffing Lamp-posts by Moonlight – book of dog poems, 2020, *The Storm Officer* – play touring 2020, *Tales from the Leaking Boot* – travel haiku, Iron Press, 2018, *Spoon Rebellion* – Smith Doorstop, 2017, Derbyshire Poet Laureate 2011-2013, www.matt-black.co.uk, + 44 77656 84941

Warwickshire Association of Local Councils – Community Emergency Volunteers

Could you become a community emergency volunteer?

Communities Prepared - Join the online community resilience hub - We help communities across England to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a range of emergencies which they may face through learning, support, and open discussion.

<https://www.communitiesprepared.org.uk/about/>

Who are you?

If you have an interesting story to tell which could inspire others to take action, please send your answers to the five 'who are we?' questions to lowcarbonwarks@gmail.com. We'll include your story in a future newsletter.

1. What is your first memory of when you realised things needed to change?
2. What made you commit to doing something?
3. What have you done?
4. What's kept you going? What sustains you?
5. If there was one thing / one solution you wished everyone knew about / did - what would it be?

Want to get involved? – find your local climate action group

1. Low Carbon Warwickshire Network (LCWN), Harbury Energy Initiative (HEI), Harbury e-Wheels and Harbury Future Energy – Bob Sherman, email: lowcarbonwarks@gmail.com T: 01926 612277, M 07919 157224
2. Napton Environmental Action Team (NEAT) – Jonathan Horsfield and Jacky Lawrence, email: neat@gmx.co.uk email
3. Grapevine Environmental Action Team (GREAT) (Charlecote, Hampton Lucy and Loxley) – Tass, email: hellogreatfuture@gmail.com Trello Board: <https://trello.com/b/Pz8kWzqd/hello-great-future>
4. Henley Climate Action - John Stott, phone: 01564 792251
5. Stretton on Fosse Sustainability Initiative - Dave Passingham, email: davepassingham@hotmail.com phone 07973 846605
6. Warwickshire Climate Alliance (WCA) – David Mond, fb: [\(1\) Warwickshire Climate Alliance | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/1WarwickshireClimateAlliance/)
7. Build Back Better (Ilmington) - Liz Garton, email: lizgarton15@gmail.com Liz is also a contact for Ilmington 20:20 Vision
8. TRACC (Bishop's Tachbrook Resident's Action on Climate Change) - Martin Drew, email: BishopsTRACC@outlook.com
9. GROW (Wolverton) - Paul Anthony, email: paul.anthony@wolvertonpc.org.uk phone: 077109821456
10. Pillerton Hersey PC - Tim Newcombe (although no longer on the PC), email: timnewcombe123@btinternet.com
11. Transition Town Rugby, Carrie Pailthorpe, <https://www.facebook.com/transitiontownrugby>

12. Kenilworth All Together Greener, Jan Burnell, <https://www.facebook.com/Kenilworth-All-Together-Greener-331940026990994/>
13. Snitterfield Actioning Climate Change, Duncan Parker, [Snitterfield Actioning Climate Change | Community Group \(snitterfieldacc.org\)](http://Snitterfield Actioning Climate Change | Community Group (snitterfieldacc.org))
14. Sustainable Brailes, Jo Taylor and Louise Appleton, email: sustainable.brailes@gmail.com
15. Avon Dassett Parish Council, <http://www.avondassettparishcouncil.com/>
16. Bishop's Itchington Parish Council, [Bishops Itchington Parish Council \(bishopsitchington-pc.gov.uk\)](http://Bishops Itchington Parish Council (bishopsitchington-pc.gov.uk))
17. Church Lawford, keithsinfield@talktalk.net
18. Stratford Friends of the Earth, Janet Palmer, Stratfordonavonfoe@outlook.com
19. Clean Air Warwickshire, Warwickshire Cycle Buddies, Hazel Underwood, www.warwickshirecyclebuddies.co.uk
20. Act on Energy, Nick Bancroft, Head of External Programmes, Unit 1.4 Lauriston Business Park, Pitchill, Salford Priors, Warwickshire, WR11 8SN, Tel: 01789 333169, Email: nick@actonenergy.org.uk, website www.actonenergy.org.uk
<https://www.facebook.com/actonenergy>
21. Boddington Parish Council Sustainability Group, Mark Thompson, <https://www.boddingtonparish.co.uk/index.php/information/sustainability>, Sustainability (boddingtonparish.co.uk)
22. Stratford Methodist Church, Eco-Congregation, Stratford Churches Together Eco group, Lim Ho, [Eco-Church – WELCOME TO OUR WEBSITE \(wordpress.com\)](http://Eco-Church – WELCOME TO OUR WEBSITE (wordpress.com))
23. Stratford Climate Action, Stephen Norrie, email: info@stratfordclimate.org, web: Stratford Climate Action – Local responses to the climate crisis in Stratford-upon-Avon and South Warwickshire, fb: Stratford Climate Action | Facebook
24. Sustainable Wellesbourne, Lucy Hartley, email: Lucy.Hartley@yahoo.co.uk
25. Achieving Results in Communities (ARC CIC), Kristie Naimo, Director, www.arccic.co.uk Tel: 07906 262 364
26. Shrewley & Wroxall Environment Action Team (SWEAT) Martin Wood, email: martinwood.fiveways@gmail.com

LCWN Facebook group set up by Emma Powell for everyone to share useful things. Please like and follow it. Please send any comments to emma.powell@octoenergy.com
<https://www.facebook.com/Low-Carbon-Warwickshire-Network-101562702401683/>

Act on Energy

At Act on Energy we're here to offer people free and expert support with everyone's energy advice needs – anything from insulation and heat pumps to worries about energy bills.



Worried about your energy bill?

We know that despite the Energy Price Guarantee (the 'price cap') many people are very worried about their energy bills. Please don't worry alone – we can offer expert advice on:

- Energy efficiency tips to reduce your bills
- Grants and funding for energy efficiency measures

- Grants for replacement heating systems
- Help with fuel bills and Energy debt
- Billing issues with your supplier

The advice is free— simply call on **0800 988 2881** or online www.actonenergy.org.uk

Some funding schemes require certain criteria to be met – but others don't, so it's well worth giving us a call now to see how we can help. The advice is free – simply call on 0800 988 2881 or check out the website: [Act On Energy - Energy Efficiency, Grants & Advice](#)

Warwickshire County Council

Have your say on Warwickshire's Local Transport Plan

Transport is the largest source of carbon emissions in Warwickshire, accounting for 44% of emissions in 2019. If you have a view on transport infrastructure in Warwickshire, then look out for Warwickshire County Council's consultation on the latest Local Transport Plan, which is open until 20 November. It has six key themes, all of which impact on our environment and sustainability. These are active travel, public transport, motor vehicles, managing space, safer travel and freight strategy. Even if you have a view on just one of these, you can still complete the survey. Go to <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk> before 20 November.

[Warwickshire Climate Change and Sustainability Newsletter - October 2022 Edition \(mailchi.mp\)](#)



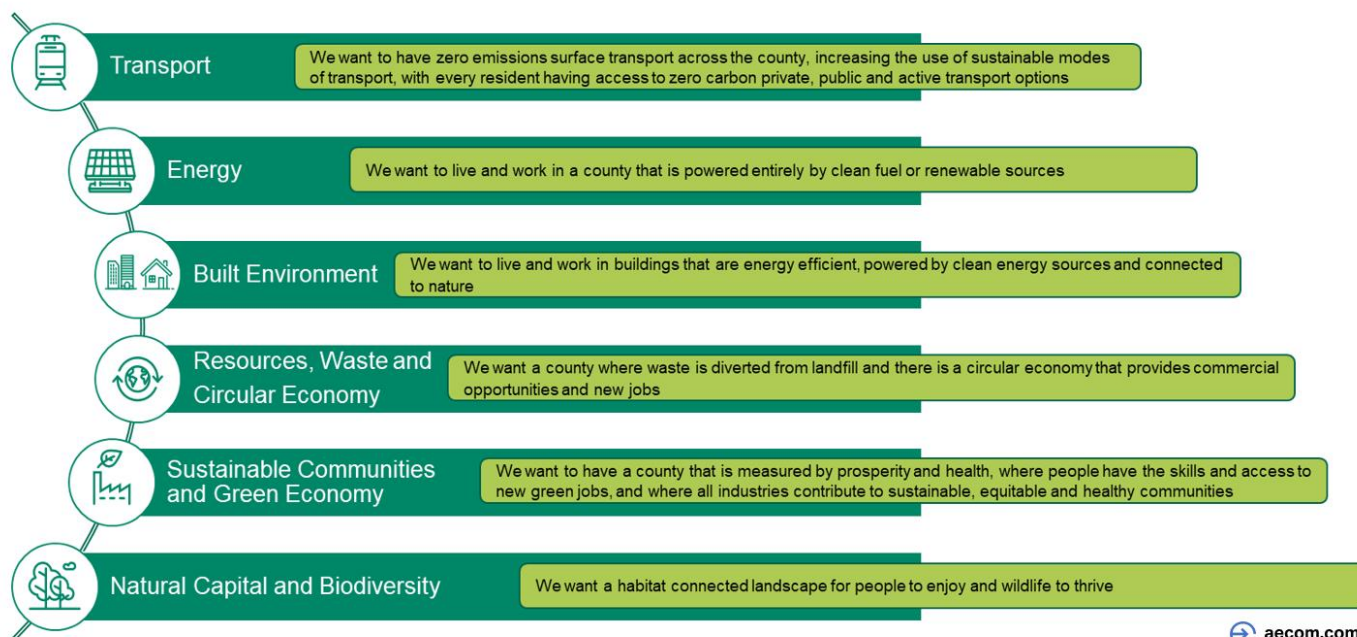
Warwickshire County Council Sustainable Futures Strategy

The draft Sustainable Futures Strategy from WCC consultation will start this month.

www.warwickshireclimateemergency.org.uk.

The draft Sustainable Futures Strategy has been developed with three challenges facing the UK today in mind: Climate Change, Loss of Biodiversity and the Cost of Living Crisis. It aims to set out a framework, key action areas and principles for delivering the strategic priorities of being a County with a sustainable future, adapting to and mitigating climate change and achieving the nationwide target of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. WCC have committed to net zero carbon for our Council emissions by 2030 and net zero carbon for County emissions by 2050

A Future Warwickshire - What do we want to see



The public engagement survey can be found at [Warwickshire County Council - Citizen Space](#) from Monday 21st November [Sustainable Futures Strategy - Warwickshire County Council - Citizen Space](#)

Useful Links

- www.harburyenergy.co.uk
- [Warwickshire Low Carbon Network – Harbury Energy Initiative](#)
- <https://www.thersa.org/fellowship>
- [Report Sustainable Futures Strategy 2022-05-12 \(warwickshire.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Green Homes Grants - Energy efficiency at home - Warwick District Council \(warwickdc.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Net zero carbon development plan document - Warwick District Council \(warwickdc.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Community Energy Warwickshire Fund https://www.heartofenglandcf.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/CEW-2020.pdf](#) The fund aims to:
 - • Support the development and installation of renewable energy projects
 - • Encourage the sustainable use of energy and reductions in carbon emissions
 - • Promote public awareness of environmental issues and support educational initiatives
 - Available Funding - There's grant of up to £2,000. Funding must be spent within 1 year. [CEW-2020.pdf \(heartofenglandcf.co.uk\)](#)
- [Act On Energy - Energy Efficiency, Grants & Advice](#)



Have your say— What do you want to see in future editions?

This is your newsletter and only as good as you make it – it is your opportunity to :

- publicise any on-line events you are holding
- let other community groups know what you are currently up to and other news
- share your experiences

Ideas, requests, offers, Q & A, hints & tips

Please send all copy (by 5th of each month), news items, case studies, details of events, comments, suggestions and enquiries about this newsletter to: lowcarbonwarks@gmail.com referring to the issue date and number for queries or phone Jacky Lawrence on 07906 440496.

