

Notes from Greening Steyning 2030 Climate Action Meeting 28th Jan

This is a summary of the points captured on the flip chart during the audience feedback sessions.

Lessons learnt

- Info sharing is crucial
- Social media could be better (esp facebook/events)
- Need volunteers
- Having fun is important
- Need to keep up momentum
- We've had great leadership
- People are getting more interested- we can tap into this
- Need meetings in Bramber and Beeding as well
- Its all about the people involved – core group and others involved

Reactions to Paul's introduction

- Very inspiring- for us and others
- Could use this approach in schools
- Involving young people is important
- Resilience is important- of ecology, society, economy
- We are in a good position- we have a thriving community, we can foster links, make connections. We have the ingredients here to make a recipe.
- We have bits of the jigsaw already- eg Steyning for Trees
- The vision is spot on- we need to change from consumers to citizens
- Need to be more local- travel less, buy local
- Analogy with World War 2, response was led by Govt, but now by us
- We also need to influence Govt and local policy
- Need to Think Big

Ideas on community engagement

- Need to link with and inspire other groups
- Can the Eco- School group at SGS help plan and present visioning events?
- Link to COP 26 climate summit
- Link with SECA and other environmental groups

- Need fun, social activities too, to get a balance between info and engagement
- Could piggy back onto usual meetings of community groups
- Could run a series of films to inspire
- Need monitoring and evaluation

Ideas on which community groups to engage

- Parish councils x 3
- District and county councils
- Steyning Society
- Churches
- GP surgery and care homes
- Estate agents
- Transport providers- buses, taxis, minibuses
- Allotment association, Horticultural Society etc
- Local farmers and landowners
- South Downs National Park
- Knepp estate
- Steyning Downland Scheme
- Sports clubs (football, cricket, bowls, athletics, cycle groups)
- Leisure centre
- Other societies (U3A, film society, Steyning Arts, TASS)
- Schools, nurseries parent groups
- Youth Groups (Woodcraft, scouts, guides)

What shall we call it?

- Sustainable rather than Zero Carbon
- The “2030 Project” – a popular choice, but is it too formal? Does it lack hope? Is it engaging enough? Will it appeal to the 30s,40s, and younger?
- Need to appeal to people of all ages
- “Stunning Steyning” – alliteration is good
- Healthy community
- Our 10 year plan
- Must include Bramber and Beeding

- The “Now Project”