

## **Holbeton Parish Council Climate Change Emergency meeting**

A big thank you to the 50 or so parishioners who gave up their Saturday afternoon on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February to hear all about their parish council's climate, environment and biodiversity emergency declaration.

We had really good feedback from the meeting, and here are just some of the things that people in the community told us they are already doing:

**Living more frugally:** buying second hand, avoiding buying unnecessary 'stuff', mending things, avoiding waste, recycling.

**Travel:** owning one car rather than 2, cycling when possible, minimising car use, avoiding flying, car sharing.

**Better food management:** local produce, less meat or vegetarian diet, avoiding waste food.

**Environmentally friendly practices:** creating wildlife habitats, tree planting, making compost, plant based cleaning products, no pesticides, herbicides or artificial fertilisers.

**Low carbon initiatives:** low energy light bulbs, more economical use of washing and drying appliances in the home, 100% green electricity suppliers, electric lawnmower, solar panels, buying an electric car (there are 1 or 2 in the parish!).

**Spreading the word:** members of Extinction Rebellion, supporting school strikers (not Holbeton Primary schoolchildren!).

The Parish Council has set up a climate change subcommittee, whose main purpose is to develop an environmental action plan and oversee its implementation, keeping parishioners involved as it progresses. More than a dozen people volunteered to join the subcommittee, which we have now filled.

We are creating a forum to comment on the draft environmental action plan and share ideas, and still want to hear your further suggestions for what the Parish Council should be doing.

We will also need help in due course to distribute leaflets for a parish wide carbon audit.

If you would like to volunteer to join the forum and make suggestions or simply want to make contact please contact Harry Baumer on 830274 or email [harryluson@gmail.com](mailto:harryluson@gmail.com)

More next month: what you are saying you'd like the Parish Council to do.