



Climate Action Stokesley and Villages update July 2021

Hello

Welcome if you have recently joined our mailing list, we hope you find this update interesting.

Our meeting this month is **on Tuesday 20th July, starting at 7:30pm**. We had hoped to have a face-to-face meeting in The Globe, but with the rules having just changed they are not sure when they will be fully re-opening so we will meet online. Simon Gibbon will provide us with an overview of a variety of plans that have been produced to get us to net zero and we will start planning local activity in the run-up to [COP 26](#) plus as an update on what the sub-groups have been up to.

Here is the link for the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89738899661?pwd=NIAvRjJvenNIZ2I6U3lVK1cwTTFOUT09>

or by phone

0203 481 5240 / 0203 901 7895 / 0208 080 6591 / 0208 080 6592 / 0330 088 5830

Meeting ID: 897 3889 9661

Passcode: 479429

An update below on a few of things that have been going on recently and items of interest:

Energy

Simon and Mark attended Northern Powergrid's Community Energy event mentioned in last month's CASaV Update.

Here are some links to further resources that were mentioned.

- NPG's [Community Energy webpage](#)
- NPG's [Community Partnering Fund](#), which opens for applications on 28 June
- Community Energy England [page on funding opportunities](#)
- Support available for communities from [Communities for Renewables](#).

Whilst the event was interesting, Simon found it "rather disappointing/disheartening, as we know locally a big disconnect between Northern Power Grid encouraging community energy projects and having no infrastructure to which these projects could connect. It really reinforces that if we were going to do something in community energy locally, probably the only feasible scheme would be renting roof space to install solar panels. So, our effort is probably better directed towards engagement, enabling people to insulate and install renewable energy even more actively."

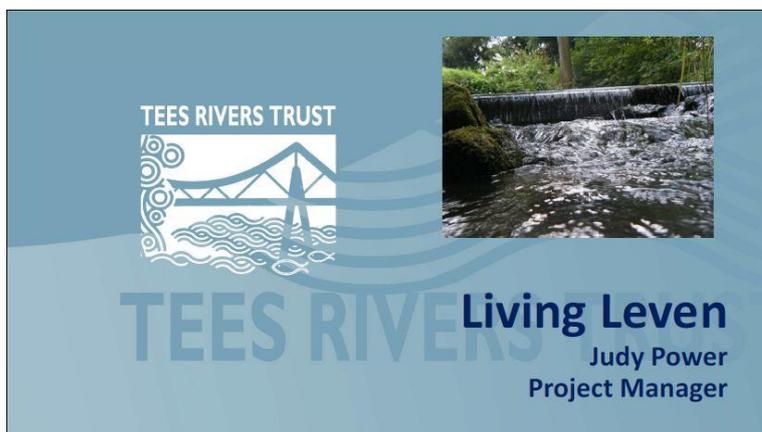
NPG will publish draft plans in July which will explain what they are going to do for the local electricity network. The Energy group will keep an eye on the plans to see if they open up opportunities.

Find out more about community energy in the recent [State of the Sector report](#).



Nature

Last month we had a [presentation](#) from Judy Power looking at the work of Tees Rivers Trust and their planned Living Leven project. Helen has offered to be our link with the new Leven sub-group of the Tees River Partnership. If you have any questions or want to make a link with the Tees Rivers Trust, then email Judy judy@teesriverstrust.org.



Food

The Food sub-group are meeting monthly to work on their different food related passions including re-distributing spare food from the Coops, growing food locally, sharing recipes and sustainable food products.

Transport

The York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership send out a newsletter. The newsletter includes a lot of useful information and links about what is going on in the region including:

“Transport for the North have launched a [‘Decarbonisation Strategy’](#) for the North of England – setting out the ambitious target of near-zero carbon emissions from surface transport by 2045. People and businesses from across the North are urged to have their say on the plan, with consultation open until 31 August 2021. It is the first time a regional strategy of this type has been produced, bringing together the region’s leaders to speak out with one voice on the climate emergency.

For those with an interest in Northern Rail in their patch, [Northern introduces bi-mode FLEX trains \(northernrailway.co.uk\)](#). This represents significant investment in rail transport and the ability to mix and match power sources.”

We will share the newsletter with those that expressed an interest in Zero Carbon Planning when opting into our mailing list.

Waste

Members of the Waste group have been busy reading and responding to a number of Government consultations on waste such as ‘Consistency in Household and Business Recycling in England’. A lot of the questions are quite detailed / technical (council contracts/finance/material processes/...), but they have a direct impact on what will be collected across England, the amount of waste that will be processed and the responsibility of producers for their packaging. The consultations are a result of the Government’s document [‘Our waste, our resources: a strategy for England’](#) published in 2018, which sets out a series of milestones to address waste in the context of climate change and the environment.

Zero carbon



New resources

The Centre for Alternative Technology’s [Zero Carbon Britain Resource Hub](#) brings together hundreds of free resources from a wide variety of organisations. Take a look at what might be useful for you, and please share with others working at a local level to make change happen.

Letter to MP

Following the recent [2021 progress report](#) from the Climate Change Committee, the steering group sent a [letter](#) to our MP, Rishi Sunak, as part of a regional campaign with other environmental groups.

We will be arranging a meeting with Rishi in the near future.

North Yorkshire County Council's Carbon Reduction Plan

Hot of the press: On Tuesday 13th July, North Yorkshire County Council's Executive Committee debated and approved their draft carbon reduction plan with the objective of reaching Carbon Net Zero by 2030. Thanks to the Thirsk Friends of the Earth group, we were alerted to the debate. With very little notice, the steering group submitted [comments](#) in advance of the meeting and Bridget was allowed three minutes to cover the points. We also emailed our three NYCC Councillors in advance of the meeting.

Stokesley Town Council

Stokesley Town Council now have a climate action working group. The working group are looking at where to install electric charging points in addition to those planned by Hambleton District Council for the Showfield car park in the autumn.

Rudby Parish Council

Do you live in Rudy Parish? If you do, please can you complete Rudby Parish Council's questionnaire to help inform a climate action plan for the parish.

All Saints Eco Project

Christ Church, Great Ayton, held a service on Sunday 11th July to promote their progress towards becoming an Eco Church and showcase the work to increase biodiversity in All Saints Churchyard.

Open Air Eco Church Service



All Saints Churchyard
11 o'clock on
Sunday July 11th

Short environment talks, prayers and WE WILL SING!
Refreshments - coffee, cake and squash - will be served before, during and after the service.

Please invite a friend.

A Family Friendly leaflet will help you explore this Living Churchyard, record the plants, insects and birds that you find.

Climate Action Plan

The Parish Council would like your views

Please [complete the questionnaire](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BF5KNZ9) at
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BF5KNZ9>



or

[download the questionnaire](http://www.rudbyparishcouncil.org.uk/CAP-consultation.php) from
<http://www.rudbyparishcouncil.org.uk/CAP-consultation.php>

or

[collect a paper copy from the Hub](#)

The survey is open from 5 July 2021 to 12 August 2021

As restrictions are eased, the steering group will be looking to see what activity, in addition to working with local councils, we can undertake to help promote the work of the group.

If Stokesley Show goes ahead on September 18th, during Great Big Green Week (18-26 September), we will be looking for volunteers to help with recycling on the day.

Caryn Loftus, on behalf of the Climate Action Stokesley and Villages Steering Group