

Climate Emergency Measures Discussed at Cabus Parish Council Meetings

September 2019

- Daffodil Planting Scheme – approved and completed October 2019 at key areas within Cabus
- Potential Future Environmental Projects - a wildflower audit with designated areas for planting; recycling plastic bottles to hold free compostable dog poo bags
- Re-using Envelopes – Cllrs invited to return envelopes containing their agendas to the Clerk for future use purposes
- Climate Emergency Declared and to retain, for the foreseeable future, this item as a standing agenda item to collate and consider ideas to offset carbon emissions

November 2019

- Electric car charge points & Solar Panels – brought forward by Cabus Parish Council for consideration at Village Hall Committee. Initiatives subsequently declined by Village Hall Committee
- Tree Planting Policy - conservative manifesto suggests planting more trees – could LCC and WBC make this a policy consideration and also encourage landowners to plant along hedge row

January 2020

- Tree planting potential on 'the Hospital Field' at Green Lane East (Wyre Borough Council-owned asset) plus Land to west of Fowlers Wood – Clerk wrote to WBC (as part of WBC's recent announcement to plant 25,000 trees as part of Climate Change Commitment), no action from Wyre Borough Council taken to date (Nov 2022); - see also January 2023
- Grass - the importance of grass to offset carbon emissions

March 2020

- Ivy damage – ivy is a natural part of the landscape and a good habitat for other wildlife so should not be removed from trees
- Wild Flower Audit of Cabus – audit undertaken of existing wild flowers within Cabus
- Daffodil planting programme within Cabus – infill from Hamilton Arms to A6 traffic lights (action completed).

May 2020

- Planning related - environmental measures for inclusion as planning conditions attached to any major development within Cabus:
 - Fruit trees in every garden
 - Water butts
 - Swift and bee bricks
 - House martin boxes
 - Hedgerows to be maintained and enhanced
 - Hedgehog holes through fences
 - Abundant native planting schemes which mitigate the use of hardcore building materials
 - The creation of mini woodland areas
 - Street lighting positioned downward to minimise light pollution
 - Jogging tracks/footpaths around or through developments
 - Enclosed green space for ball games
 - Electric charging points (including, adapted lamp posts with electric charging points)
 - Solar panels on commercial buildings and private residences

July 2020

- Tree Preservation Order for Oak Tree on land at Gubberford Lane – TPO granted
- Wildflower feature areas identified within Cabus: Bells Bridge Lane, Snapewood Lane (Bench / Silted Pond / Bank on LH Side by Newholme), Fowler Hill Layby, Gubberford Lane, Woodfold Lane and planted up (action completed, May 2022)

September 2020

- Food/Kitchen Waste – potential for re-use as fuel/fertilizer? Noted that Borough Council collects the waste and County Council disposes of it and potential re-purposes of the waste is being considered.
- Relaxed mowing regime - approved to improve biodiversity of verges
- Tree Preservation Order for cluster of trees providing vital role in preventing river bank erosion at Gubberford Bridge – granted to protect from overzealous lopping/removal by Network Rail.

November 2020

- Charge My Street Electric Vehicle Charging Points - information forwarded by the Clerk to Cabus Village Hall Committee
- Planning - Hedgehog superhighways - now included in Cabus Parish Council climate consideration measures which are submitted in response to planning application consultations received from Wyre Borough Council.
- Planning - Acoustic fencing - whilst not attractive, was effective and original hedges should also be retained

January 2021

- Heat pumps for new builds - understood a Government Grant currently available
- Solar panels at Cabus Village Hall – it was noted that this had already been explored and considered unsuitable by the Cabus Village Committee, reason being not cost efficient as Village Hall used primarily during the evening and panels only generate power during daylight hours.

March 2021

- Tree Planting – update requested from Cllr Sir Atkins (Chair of Wyre Climate Change Policy Group) with regard to the ideas which had been submitted by Cabus Parish Council to the Policy Group in relation to the previously identified tree planting locations within Cabus
- Heat pumps for new builds – now on agenda for Climate Change Policy Group but unclear as to who has ultimate responsibility
- Wildflower areas and relaxed mowing – live project
- County policy to replace dead trees – query raised with County Cllr Turner as to whether LCC had a policy.

May 2021

- Wyre Carbon Footprint Report and Climate Change Policy Group Invite for suggestions – discussed and noted all ideas to date had been shared with Wyre Borough Council
- Reduced price of bus fares for over 60's (not yet entitled to free bus pass) to promote use of public transport in the local area and reduce reliance on single car use;
- Tree planting for Queen's Jubilee – trees along Cockerham Road suggested and Clerk requested update from WBC on the proposals which had already made for tree planting within Cabus.

July 2021

- Government and County Targets - net zero carbon emissions by 2050 (Government target) and by 2030 (LCC target). LCC had commissioned reports to identify the required direction of travel to achieve target results. Funding for proposed schemes/projects would be made available and engagement from Parish and Town Councils anticipated.
- Estimated carbon footprint across Wyre - Cabus contributed 14,384 tonnes to the overall carbon footprint in Wyre ranking it the 6th lowest contributor (16th out of 21) and had a household average of 15.77 tonnes ranking it the 4th lowest in Wyre (18th out of 21). Household average data was skewed by the use of oil fired heating in predominantly rural areas.
- Ash Dieback – good if LCC Highways agreed to the placement of more trees along the A6.
- Local Survey for Climate Ideas – invite placed on parish council website for residents to share ideas which can then be shared with Wyre Borough Council (none received to date)

September 2021

- Ash Trees along A6 (Die-Back) – response awaited from LCC for request for replacement trees
- Local Survey - noted that contributions from the public for ideas (which would be fed through to Borough and County Council) to reduce climate change had been published on the website – no responses received to date.
- Proactive measures update - noted that all proactive measures which had been proposed by Cabus Parish Council had been communicated to Wyre Borough Council and prospective partners for potential action. None to date had been actioned.
- Daffodil planting along A6 – approved and actioned

November 2021

- Environment Act (2021) – paves the way for the provision of targets, plans and policies for improving the natural environment and unlocks the potential for a range of community based ideas to be explored and funded.

- Community-based energy projects – Clerk made contact with Kate Gilmartin (LCC) at invitation of County Cllr Turner and attended an LCC online seminar (18.11.21) which focussed on Cumbria Action for Sustainability projects (none of which suitable for Cabus)
- Recycling bins – requested from Wyre Borough Council for Fowler Hill and Woodfold Lane Laybys
- Ash Trees along A6 (die back) – response still awaited as to whether County had a strategic plan for replacing trees

January 2022

- Cemetery remembrance trees (in place of headstones)
- Ash Dieback along A6 – diseased trees being removed, expectation that review by LCC to be conducted to replenish areas affected
- Eco Bus Shelters (shelters with living roofs) – request initiated by Cabus Parish Council to LCC via County Cllr Turner – no response from LCC subsequently received from this request, nor Wyre Borough Council via request submitted by Clerk for Wyre Borough Council to explore the idea

March 2022

- Alternative energy sources for Cabus (e.g. wind turbine) – topic explored but Village Hall Committee not supportive of idea and associated financial risks if not government backed
- Electric Car Club Survey – Clerk had shared the survey with Cabus Village Hall Committee and Village Hall Committee invited again to consider installing Electric Car Charging Points on site

May 2022

- Wind turbines attached to street lighting to make electricity from passing cars in Telford – it was noted that this initiative was being by Telford and Wrekin Council. Clerk relayed suggestion to Cllr Sir Robert Atkins (Chair of Wyre Climate Change Policy Group)
- Wildflower project – 250 wildflower plugs planted and areas marked off

July 2022

- New Biodiversity Grant (£300) from LCC Public Rights of Way for small scale projects – application submitted by Clerk (and funding received October 2022)

September 2022

- Status Update - Cabus Parish Council has discussed an exhaustive list of climate initiatives over the last three years but initiatives which had been brought to the attention of those able to enact them had either been met with refusal, inertia or silence.
- Food waste – LCC planned to commence this in 2023
- Tetracarton recycling – this would be forthcoming from LCC in due course
- Windfarms – moratorium since 2015 but LCC might look at this again
- Bio Carbon Capture – LCC exploring this

November 2022

- Eco Bus shelters – the idea from Cabus Parish Council had been rejected by Wyre Borough Council
- Electric car charging – noted that the only public charging point in the area was at Booths in Garstang
- Wildflower Areas – Parish Lengthsman to strim the wildflower areas north of Woodfold Lane with a view to sowing yellow rattle
- Jubilee Trees and Authority to Plant from LCC – request submitted to LCC

January 2023

- Dog poo powered street lamps – idea forwarded to WBC and LCC
- Fleetwood Tidal Barrage – understood that this was still on the Wyre agenda
- Biodiversity Grant – Funding awarded for a Community Garden Living Wall at Meadow Park
- Jubilee Trees and Authority to Plant on LCC verges – positive response received from LCC
- Tree planting – request made to WBC to receive some of the 25,000 trees as part of their Climate Change Commitment (see Jan 2020) to enable planting on LCC verges. WBC offered 1 tree and reluctant to work alongside LCC to progress verge planting
- Wild Flower Area Borders (see also March and July 2020, March 2021, May 2022, Nov 2022), areas remarked