

Environment and Climate Crisis Working Party Annual Review 2023 - 24

Members; Trudy Reynolds, Parish Councillor; Nigel Chatterjee and Pat Smith, members of the public.

The group held 4 face to face meetings during the year with on-going communications by phone or email.

In the spring of 2023 we were due to review the Carbon Footprint Report for the parish which is based on data provided by the University of Exeter and the Centre for Sustainable Energy based in Bristol but it had not been updated since the information produced in 2022. The data will be reviewed again in 2024.

All planning applications are considered with energy efficiency and carbon reduction prioritised using our Neighbourhood Plan, the Climate Crisis Action Plan and the Planning Checklist. The Action Plan and Planning Checklist were updated in February 2024 and, as required, a Biodiversity Policy was prepared by the working party and accepted by the council.

In July I attended a training session on the Cornwall Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

Suppliers are checked for their environmental credentials and in July 2023 a new energy contract was taken out by the parish council with the supplier providing 100% renewable electricity.

The group has produced posters for the parish noticeboards, the parish website and other local social media channels to highlight relevant topics such as the problems of fast fashion, water and energy saving measures, food initiatives and ecofriendly cleaning products.

The Diggers and Doers group has continued work to improve the environment of the parish. We have an on-going project at Carrickowel Point working with the Countryside Team and the Cornwall Wildlife Trust. I have had a session with the National Trust at Black Head. We have a small core of volunteers who I would like to sincerely thank for their efforts. New members are more than welcome.