

CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS

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APRIL CONVERSATION

The conversation at Church Stretton School on Monday, 4th April at 1.15 pm is eagerly anticipated and to be led by students at the school. The opportunity offers a chance for older people to learn from the passion, ideas, and their answers to our questions.

PREPARING FOR SCHOOL VISIT

A preparatory meeting with a school leader for the climate conversation at the school next Monday afternoon has been arranged for Friday morning of this week. (2nd April)

INFORMAL CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS

Over recent days, and since our last meeting, informal chats about the forthcoming school conversation have taken place with local climate conscious voluntary organisations:

- Allotment Gardeners Association - CS
- Ornithological Society (Church Stretton)
- Pride of Place, Church Stretton
- St Laurence's churchyard – ECO Church
- Stretton Focus – Student 'Climate' articles
- Wildlife Trust, Stretton Branch

'DOUGHNUT ECONOMICS'

Stretton Climate Care are introducing a climate conversation based upon the above book by Kate Raworth. The first conversation will take place on Wednesday, 30th March in the Kings Arms, High Street at 7.30 pm. Much visual information on internet via Google.

U3A NATIONAL CLIMATE REALITY PROJECT

98 participants from U3A branches all over UK on 23rd March, including Church Stretton branch, participated in a zoom meeting.

42 recommendations on 'What we can do' was the official output of the session and fitted into three categories:

1. **Conservations; Reducing Energy Consumption:** *A guiding principle in all our consumption behaviour. 19 actions for lower bills and increased comfort.*
2. **Lobbying, Getting Connected and Informed:** *More challenging as you will need to 'speak truth to power'. 4 actions*
3. **Changing behaviour:** *Some suggestions are very challenging and tend to focus on travel, home efficiency & diet. 19 actions*

A list of recommended actions available on request. Next zoom meeting – 18th May.

PERSONAL LEARNING FROM ABOVE EVENT

- Support young people in their efforts
- Convincing other people – most effective is the peer review process. Every major scientific solution supports this process.
- Intergenerational work is a priority in the countdown to COP 27 in November 2022.
- The COP 27 theme will be biodiversity. The venue is Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, a resort on the Red Sea.
- Free bus travel for over 60's and under 21's in Scotland from now.
- Ecosia (a search engine) will plant a tree with every 4th click of access.

ENCOURAGEMENT FROM SIR DAVID

Sir David Attenborough said 2 years ago, "The longer we leave it, not doing things but talking about problems, the worse it is going to get. And in the end, unless we do something, it becomes insoluble. So now is the moment"

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