

CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS

Newsletter No 20

15th Feb 2023

'2023 Plans'

Potential Partnerships

2022 REVIEW OF CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS

At our 19th December conversation, we decided that the theme for 2023 would be to build partnerships with local voluntary organisations also interested in climate change.

IS THE NEED COMPELLING TO DEVELOP?

Absolutely! If anything, it is more compelling than ever. Progress locally, nationally, and internationally last year has accelerated. However, it is still not fast enough to achieve 'Net Zero' by 2030. Capacity needs developing. Start with local partnerships.

WHO ARE POTENTIAL PARTNERS?

54 local voluntary have been identified as may having an interest in climate change. Some are obvious like Stretton Climate Care. Others, less obvious, like Scouts and Guides. At our January conversation, we shared opportunity to contact each of 54 amongst members and to discover what efforts are currently being made. If we could find a way to support the organisation, we could learn a lot.

FIRST FEEDBACK

Our next meeting this Thurs afternoon, 16th Feb at Yew Tree will be focussed on the first feedback on what each of us has learned so far from partners. It is early days to draw conclusions but know already that it is **a lot!**

ARE WE MAKING BEST USE OF RESOURCES?

Building partnerships has always been encouraged by U3A and a productive opportunity for building resources to grapple with the complexities of climate change. See U3A Shropshire & Midlands websites.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND SPORT

Did you know that Glamorgan County Cricket Club has appointed a player, Joe Cooke, as Sustainability Officer with special responsibility for climate change? Joe is 23 years old, just graduated from Durham University with a degree in Natural Sciences. Through Glamorgan CCC, I am in contact with Joe who is 'wintering' in New Zealand.

'Environmental sustainability' is key to Manchester City FC, a premiership club. See their website by googling the Club.

NETWORKING

The networks on climate change throughout Shropshire are growing inside U3A and externally. Through Stretton Climate Care, I was asked to share our experiences with young people with U3A Market Drayton. Information from the School and the Scouts has been passed on to Alan Cartwright.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL No 13

United Nations SDG No 13 is called 'Climate Action' and is a global goal to combat climate change and its impacts.

Attempts are being made to build relationships with UNA Shropshire Branch. Progress has already been made with UNA Central Region that includes the Strettons.

One possibility being explored are learning programmes on Climate Action, designed and delivered by the UN from Bonn, Germany. The programmes have global recognition and free.

For further information: Barrie Oxtoby, 8 Yeld Bank,
Church Stretton, SY6 6EZ barrieoxtooby@gmail.com