

CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS

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Conversation pause

NEW WAY FORWARD

Newsletter No 25 extract:

Examine findings, draw conclusions, and decide on the way forward based on Special Meeting learning points paper dated 28th April and distributed on that day.

31 learning points to be grouped into like-type of actions and circulated tomorrow.

See you at the Yew Tree on Thursday, 18th May – 2.15 for coffee & 2.45 pm start.

18th MAY CONVERSATION

The lead-in to our chat last Thursday was the paragraph above. The conversation was most enjoyable and constructive. We had reached the end of a productive phase and new opportunities for climate conversations leading to actions were apparent.

COMMUNICATION TO U3A COMMITTEE

Thanks were due to U3A for the opportunity a Climate Conversations has brought about. Much learning on the subject had been accrued and we were ready to explore new opportunities with other local groups involved in climate actions. All existing members were also in memberships of other relevant groups. Therefore, 24th May meeting is our last. However, see the following paragraphs for a new phase.

A NON-MEETING GROUP

On Tuesday, 23rd May, I met with Sylvia for a pre-arranged meeting at the Health and Wellbeing Centre to report progress to a main Committee Member and that we would not be meeting as a group in the future. However, we had agreed to stay in touch because our collective experiences had been fruitful and enjoyable. We wished to test out our learning in other environments.

SYLVIA'S SUGGESTION

After listening to the outcomes of our meeting, Sylvia suggested we remain in membership of U3A Church Stretton as a 'Non-meeting group' – an official status within U3A. This means that when the time is right, after new experiences, we could resume our existing status. We could retain our website which Sylvia kindly offered to continue to run. This would be an opportunity to share and learn from existing U3A members on an informal basis.

SUGGESTION ACCEPTED

On your behalf, I accepted Sylvia's excellent suggestion and her kind offer to continue to run our non-meeting group's website. The aim would be to share relevant news and keep in touch with other U3A groups where relevant.

A PERSONAL THANKYOU

Wow – what a fantastic learning journey it has been for me since our first exploratory chats in September 2021. Many, many highlights spring to mind. The informal chats in the Yew Tree, sharing ideas and challenges, conversations with the Scouts and Church Stretton School students. However, new friendships provide a solid base for a fruitful future. Who knows where we will end up. However, it is bound to be somewhere exciting and productive in the quest for 'Net Zero' by 2030. Keep in touch!!

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