

CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS

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CONVERSATIONS LAUNCH: 24th JANUARY

As you know, Climate Conversations will be launched on Monday, 24th January at The Yew Tree, All Stretton starting at 2.45 pm. 'Farming in the community' will be a focus for the discussion as already agreed.

Time will also be devoted to sharing ideas on further themes to be talked about during the year after April. **Your ideas – welcomed!!**

FIRST SUBJECT FOCUS

'Farming in the Community' and the impact of climate change was a natural subject for our rural community to consider.

Following the bereavement in the Hyde family, a new emphasis has been studied. The subject of **succession planning** in farms is critical and we may all have some experience to share. My knowledge on what I have learned from the Hyde and Oxtoby families in the past will kick off the conversation.

FIRST CONVERSATION PARTICIPANTS

Five of us have confirmed that we plan to participate. David Crowhurst; Michael Fryer; Barbara Holder; Andrew Holder; Barrie Oxtoby will be the conversationalists. Looking forward to your company. John Annetts and Sylvia Davidson have apologised for their absence.

WIDER NETWORK

In addition to seven of us, five other potential conversationalists have let me know of their interest but are not able to attend monthly conversations currently. All have accepted my offer to send each a much-abbreviated version of this newsletter. This development is pleasing as all are potential members. The first short newsletter has been despatched.

SCOUTS CONVERSATION IN FEBRUARY

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, the 2nd Longmynd scouts have agreed to lead the conversation. However, the Group Scout Leader, Terry Davies, has consulted the Scout Leader, Neil Crumpton and two concerns, have been received.

The first is the location and preference for the Scout HQ in Church Walk has been expressed. I have agreed that we can switch from the Yew Tree. The second is timing and Covid 19 regulations – which is understandable. Terry and Neil, both good friends, will come back to me soon. I remain optimistic 21 Feb is OK.

RYTON AND GRINDLE

Cllr Jonathan Hartnell-Beavis, with six parishes in above constituency, and I have agreed to exchange information on climate change. Jonathan held a parish meeting in November attended by about 50 local farmers and farm workers on climate change. Jonathan is interested in the concept of climate conversations and how it works. We agreed to exchange news to keep each other informed.

U3A NATIONAL ADVISER, CLIMATE CHANGE

Our group is now registered with the 89 U3A's nationally that are learning about climate change. Frances Halliday is the main person and we have received congratulations from Frances with the offer of help if we need it.

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