



Climate Change Action Group January 2020

The group is working on several issues:

1. **Carbon Sink**

'The UK will have to plant 1.5 billion trees if it is to meet its pledge to reach net zero emissions by 2050 – and this needs to “happen quickly”.

We successfully planted 35 trees on 16th and 17th November in Meden Bank Park with Ashfield DC providing saplings advice and help. We are provisionally planning to plant another 50 trees at Stamper Crescent, Skegby, on Saturday 7th March and we will help the Greenwood Forest and Healdswood School to plant more trees on Friday 13th March at the school. ***We need volunteers for planting – details will follow. We also need volunteers to water the trees in Meden Bank Part in May, and to monitor the trees at Stamper after planting.***

2. **Green Energy**

The Climate Change Action Group is setting up a referral programme to encourage residents and local businesses to use a 'Green' energy supplier. The proposed supplier is called Bulb Energy who operate a referral scheme for existing customers to introduce new clients with both parties receiving a £50 reduction in their energy bill within around 30 days of a referral. The TSS Forum is aiming to co-ordinate a list of referrals so that anyone interested may see both £50 benefit from signing up and a further £50 for referring someone else on the list. On an entirely voluntary basis recipients are asked consider donating a portion of these benefits to the Forum to further its work on the vital issue of tackling climate change.

3. Submission on behalf of the Forum to the District Council concerning the draft Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Scoping Report in relation to a Revised Local Plan for the District.

We are planning to contribute the following to a submission to be made by the Forum:

*'Last year, Government committed that greenhouse gas emissions in the UK will be cut to almost zero by 2050, under the terms of a new government plan to tackle climate change. **It is essential that the sustainability strengths and weaknesses of ADC's plans to meet this target be adequately tested in the Sustainability Appraisal.** the Forum would also like sustainability of ADC's plans to engage with local bodies such as the Forum to achieve this, to be adequately tested.'*

4. Dialogue with District and County Councils

We may be able to influence climate change action planning by both councils through communicating and cooperating with them. We will discuss this and other forms of action at our next group meeting, which will be on **Monday 10th February at 7.00 pm in the Manor Room.**

5. Friends of the Earth walk at Hardwick

Friends of the Earth ambassador, Sam Lee (folk singer, conservationist, song collector, award winning promoter, broadcaster and activist) will host an intimate nature walk for Friends of the Earth around Hardwick Hall **on 4th February** to encourage climate change action. All are welcome and encouraged to join; details will follow.