

ECC First Meeting 3rd June 2020
Final Minutes

Attendees 19.45 Via Zoom	JM (Chair) IS, AP, LH, CH	Apologies- CT, KC, PM, AM, BR
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Opening Summary- This is not a project that can be concluded in a few months, and will in reality be part of our every day activities for a number of years to come. A plan will need to be created that sets the objectives of EPC that are aligned to GBC, SCC and National ambitions so that a coordinated approach can be demonstrated that we can demonstrate locally. This plan will need to have measures in place and be dynamic. The goal is not to try and achieve all in one go, but to have a sustained level of activity across multiple fronts from volunteers who have an interest in a specific area where we can utilise that interest.

1. In order for the EPC to bring about any type of change, we will need people from the village to want to actively get involved and generate positive community solutions and engagement. This will need co-ordinating by the council, and ideally each councillor will take on 1 area of responsibility and work with volunteers who will effect change. Whether you believe in climate change or not, the activities we will set about will benefit the people by creating a better environment and create less of a carbon footprint.
2. There are specific areas where EPC will take the lead on local political action where we can effect change. For example, flooding in the roads, poor drainage, transport disruption, updating the Neighbourhood Plan with more environmental policies, improved cycle routes, grants applications, communication, being part of a wider community contributing to the national ambitions, etc
3. Local activities that directly benefit the village and surrounding area that are generated and implemented by the local community. For example, Tree Planting, plants and flowers to encourage more insects and bees, plastic free, more recycling, better house insulation, car sharing, etc

The debate was opened to the floor and the following ideas were suggested:

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	1. Register that EPC Declares a climate Emergency	Establish how
	2. How to use the land in the village and green spaces to better use	
	3. Update ENP to incorporate more sustainable building methods, environmental policies and sustainable living	Liz to begin process to update ENP
	4. Promote more practical actions by residents who can apply for a Community Fund grant	Discuss further in EPC meetings
Liz		
	a. Action Plan Creation	
	b. How to use our green spaces including tree planting	

