

2023



CLIMATE Conversation Conference



Welcome!
Cllr Davenport-Ray

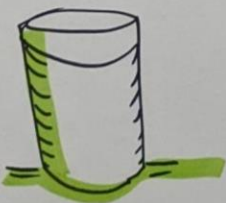
We've formally
recognised the
Climate Emergency

- THE COUNCIL CAN'T
DO THIS ALONE

CELEBRATING
THE SUCCESSES
IN OUR COMMUNITIES



MINIMISING
WASTE



OUR
CLIMATE
ACTION
PLAN

What
do
YOU
think?

LET
US
KNOW



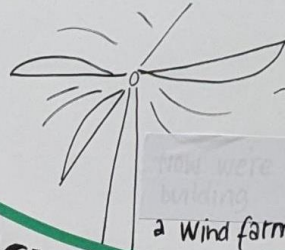
Alan Marnes

Southoe & Midloe
Parish Council



I'm a DIY fanatic

A PERSONAL VIEW OF GREEN ENERGY GENERATION



needs
about
6 acres
for 3
turbines

I'm not an
eco-fan: I have a
wood burner

£10,000
in 2014
(now it
would be
half that)



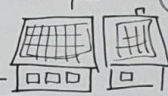
our
solar
panels
paid
for themselves
in 9 years

I went **PREACHING** to my neighbours
(feed-in tariff)



£15,000 p.a
is coming back
into the community

Half the houses
in our street
have solar panels
now



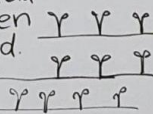
The local
council
+ community
were
dead
against
it

BUT

NEXT:
ENERGY STORAGE

LANDOWNERS
MAKE MORE MONEY
THAN THEY COULD
BY FARMING

No need for solar farms
on farmland until all buildings,
houses and brownfield
sites have been
utilised.



Kerry Slater
Matthew Raby
HDC

DECARBONISING & ENERGY WITHIN FACILITIES

THE PRIORITY:
REMOVE
OR
REDUCE
OUR
CARBON
OUTPUT

we've improved

THE
GOAL
NET ZERO
BY 2040

WE HAVE
SUPPORT:

SALIX
RECYCLING
TEAM

Steps

STARTING WITH
SITE SURVEYS:
WHAT'S ELIGIBLE
FOR FUNDING?

E.G. REMOVAL
OF GAS

WHAT ARE THE
ESTIMATED
COSTS?

APPLY FOR
FUNDING

DELIVERY

COMPLETION

LOW
CARBON
SKILLS
FUND

Air handling
units

Air source
heat pumps

more
solar
power

car
park
canopies?

Replaced
ICT chillers

WE'VE
DE-GASSED
ONE OF OUR
LEISURE CENTRES

saved 400,000 kWh in the first year

pay-backs

ONE LEISURE
RAMSEY
BUILDING MANAGEMENT
SYSTEMS

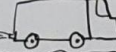
LEDs
INSULATION
DOUBLE
GLAZING

PROCUREMENT

COMMUNICATION
WITH OUR
PARTNERS

paperwork

OUR
FLEET



OUR
LIGHTING

BIDDING FOR
PUBLIC
SECTOR
FUNDING

Improved
management
system

Matthew Barner
Sustrans

IT'S HARD TO KEEP
EVERYONE HAPPY: TOWN
+ COUNTRY

Talking about
TRANSPORT -
in terms of **PEOPLE**
& **COMMUNITIES**

The Policy Landscape
is very **POSITIVE**

making it easier
to walk - wheel - cycle

Fresh
clean
air

ACTIVE TRAVEL

THERE'S A REAL

COMMITMENT TO CHANGE:

BUT: TRANSPORT
EMISSIONS
ARE STUCK

THE NUMBER
OF PEOPLE
WALKING AND
CYCLING HAS
NOT INCREASED

SOME POLICIES
ARE
CONTROVERSIAL

"WAR
ON THE
MOTORIST"
PERCEPTION

WE NEED TO TALK
ABOUT LOW TRAFFIC
NEIGHBOURHOODS

sorry

PUBLIC
TRANSPORT
NEEDS TO BE
• RELIABLE
• AFFORDABLE
• FREQUENT

Active
Travel
England

"Gear
Change"

DATA-LED
EVIDENCE-
DRIVEN

WE DO KNOW
THAT THIS IS
BENEFICIAL

FOR EVERY 1 PERSON
STRONGLY AGAINST,
THERE ARE 6+ WHO
ARE SUPPORTIVE

CHANGING
→ BEHAVIOUR
IS KEY

LET YOUR
COUNCILLOR KNOW YOUR
VIEWS

"PLACE
MAKING"

GREEN RECOVERY - THE ROAD SO FAR...

COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT

Eve Lucas
Jacob Bunt
Groundwork East

Green
Skills

Improving
Quality of Lives
& Prospects

we offer
Courses:

City + Guilds
Qualifications

Interpersonal
skills
Improved Confidence

Creating
Dynamic
Partnerships
for Action

Improving
Health + well-
being

Promoting
Greener
Living

Creating
Better
Places

THE GREEN RECOVERY PROJECT:

8-week projects:
improving local spaces

Personal
Development

Providing
support
+ training

using
tools

Mental
Health

Building
communities

Individual
progression
Action plans

Support
with CVs

Conservation
Knowledge

e.g.
Hinchingbrook
Country Park:
Improving the site
for Kingfishers

FUN ACTIVITIES FOR
FAMILIES

Neil Sloper
Nick Massey
HDC

INCREASING BIODIVERSITY IN THE DISTRICT: Why & How

3 YEAR PROGRAMME :
BIODIVERSITY FOR ALL



TOP PRIORITY
FOR OUR RESIDENCE:

NATURE

83%

THE
COUNCIL
SHOULD
RESTORE
NATURE

A GREAT PLACE
TO LIVE & WORK

SETTING A
POSITIVE
EXAMPLE

ENABLING
+
ENCOURAGING



FUNDING
AVAILABLE:
COMMUNITY
GRANT
OPEN FOR
EXPRESSIONS
OF INTEREST

CO-DESIGN
WITH THE
COMMUNITY

BRINGING THE RESIDENTS
WITH US

£ 1.3m
funding to
deliver Biodiversity
net gain

CARBON
CAPTURE

AIR
QUALITY

ECOLOGISTS
ARE WORTH
THEIR WEIGHT
IN GOLD

INCLUSIVE

IS THIS
RIGHT FOR
YOU? IF NOT:
TELL US!

Graham Campbell
Great Ouse Valley Trust

HEALTH
BENEFITS

Green
skills

BENEFITS
FOR
PEOPLE

HELPING
COMMUNITIES
TO TAKE ACTION

DIRECT
ACTION
ON OUR LAND

Citizen
Science
Platform

inaturalist

SHARING
PRACTICAL
KNOWLEDGE
+ EXPERTISE

'Phase One'
Webpage

PLEASE CHECK
IT OUT!
IT'S AN
EASY
FORM - honest!

ARE
THERE ANY
SUITABLE
SPACES IN YOUR
AREA? TALK TO US!

CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE LANDSCAPE OF THE GREAT OUSE VALLEY

A wonderful wetland landscape that's surrounded by urban areas...

A
UNIQUE
LANDSCAPE

PARTNER
MEMBERS:
COUNCILS

MANY LOCAL
RESIDENTS
AREN'T
AWARE QUITE
HOW WONDERFUL IT IS

PEOPLE WANT
MORE WOODLAND:

COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT

COMMUNITY
TREE
PLANTING
ACTIVITIES

DID YOU KNOW:
MULCHING
IS GREAT
FUN!

IT'S SO NICE
TO ACTUALLY
DO
SOMETHING
WITH OUR
HANDS

MEADOW
RESTORATION

Restoring
BLACK
POPLARS
to the
landscape

TREES
ARE
VERY
IMPORTANT
TO THIS

TREES
CLOSE TO
THE
RIVER
KEEPS THE
FISH
HAPPY

using car park roofs
for solar power

rather
than
green
space



Heidi Field
Auriane Cirasuolo
HDC

WASTE MINIMISATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

WasteBusters

REDUCING THE AMOUNT
OF CONTAMINATION THAT
GOES INTO OUR BLUE BINS

WE HAVE
DATA:



55% OF OUR WASTE
IS RECYCLED OR
COMPOSTED

COMMUNICATIONS

AS CLEAR
AS POSSIBLE

VISUAL

EASY TO USE
WEBSITE:
A-Z OF WASTE

SOCIAL
MEDIA

GOING INTO
SCHOOLS

WORKING WITH
EXPERTS

RAISING
AWARENESS



TOO MUCH
GOES IN
HERE
THAT
SHOULDN'T

EDUCATION

e.g.
single use
plastic ban
✗
POSTER
✗

GOING INTO
BUSINESSES

ENGAGEMENT

COMPETITIONS:
REDUCE YOUR WASTE

'Freegle'
your
stuff

EDUCATION

LITTER
PICKS
WITH YOUNGER
PEOPLE

CIGARETTE BUTT
BALLOTS:
"PINEAPPLE
ON PIZZA?"

"Too GOOD
TO GO"
reducing
food waste

FREE
BINS FOR
SMALL ELECTRICAL
ITEMS FOR SCHOOLS



CLIMATE CHANGE COLLABORATION

CITIZENS SCIENCE

TH Branson & Son
Alconbury Flood Group
TE Darby & Sons

WE HAVE
BIG
AMBITIONS

Farm walks,
visits,
YouTube
channel

ALCONBURY
BROOK CATCHMENT
85 square km catchment

we're very
interested in
SOIL

BIODIVERSITY
IS NUMBER 1
IN COMBATTING
FLOOD RISK

IN PRAISE
OF
LIVESTOCK
ON THE
FARM



BACK TO A GRANDDAD
STYLE OF FARMING

RAINWATER
HARVESTING
Adaptor from tank to fire
service pump

YOU CAN'T FARM
GREEN
IF YOUR FINANCES
ARE IN THE
RED

FLOOD
RISK
MITIGATION:
GREEN + GREY SOLUTIONS

HEDGEROWS
PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE

HERBAL LEYS: DEEPER
ROOTS,
FUNGHI,
WORMS
→ improves the
quality of the
food we grow

Regenerative
Agriculture:
soil health

Netflix:
"Kiss the
ground"

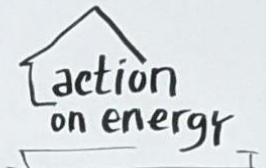
THE RIGHT TREE
IN THE RIGHT PLACE

• improved community
resilience
• microplastics analysis

Flood Group projects:
• sensors provenance
• sediment tracking
• maintenance
• rainwater gardens
• 40 Ponds: restoration
measuring carbon sequestration

WORKSHOPS

Kerry Slater
Matthew Raby:
Decarbonising & Energy
within Facilities & Communities



HOME ENERGY



FINANCIAL
CHALLENGES

SUPPORTING
LOCAL
COMMUNITIES

LACK OF
KNOWLEDGE



LOW
INCOME
FAMILIES

FUNDING
HUG 2

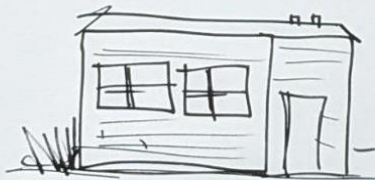


Q + A:

THERE ARE A LOT OF
QUESTIONS:

WE'RE
MORE AWARE
OF CARBON FOOTPRINT,
BUT THE CHALLENGES
ARE REAL:

DOMESTIC
PROPERTIES



MAKING INFORMATION
MORE ACCESSIBLE:

WHAT'S AVAILABLE

- WHO CAN SUPPORT US
- ACCESSIBLE SCHEMES
+ GRANTS

