

Summary of the Hatherleigh Environmental Forum 25 February 2020 Gathering

Thank you to Leigh for allowing us to use St John the Baptist Church for our first open gathering. A good number of people turned up and a broad range of ideas and topics were covered. The focus of the meeting was to discuss what environmental issues were the most important to Hatherleigh and what actions could we realistically take to work towards a solution.

It was decided that the group wanted to start with Rural Transport, and it was agreed that we would ask a speaker or a number of speakers with experience and knowledge to help us understand the facts and find solutions most relevant to Hatherleigh.

We hope to meet in a month's time, if anyone has suggestions of who we could invite on the theme of Rural Transport please let us know.

Themes proposed under Rural Transport were:

- Undertaking a Survey our miles - What do we need here in Hatherleigh so we don't have to travel to get them elsewhere?
- Bus links – The current bus schedules are being reduced due to a lack of people using the service
- Suggestion to connect up the Tarka Trail
- Encourage Cycling and improve cycle routes
- Rail links (Dartmoor rail in administration Feb 2020)
- Car sharing (existing projects and apps)

A number of resources and relevant projects were suggested for a number of the different topics covered during the gathering:

West Devon Council	Contact details for solutions in your area?	https://www.climatechange.westdevon.gov.uk
Devon Carbon Plan	A summary of the issues and solutions discussed by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change on 22 May 2019	https://www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk
Ecocide	Become an earth protector support Ecocides team in amending International Criminal Law to make damaging the environment a crime	https://www.stopecocide.earth
Extinction Rebellion	A movement to of non-violent, disruptive civil disobedience to bring about change where conventional approaches have failed to bring change and halt the climate crisis	https://rebellion.earth

Ethical Lifestyle App	Focus group needed for app development by Ethical Consumer and Permaculture Association	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yc2SCimSbtlfKj9alkx9ViRsoc81IUaa/view
52 Climate Actions	Website full of ideas for action to help you make better choices to help the climate	https://www.52climateactions.com
Co op supermarket	Pledges to Stopping Single Use Plastics by Summer 2020	https://colleaguestories.coop.co.uk/2019/12/30/own-brand-to-be-fully-recyclable-by-the-summer/
Pledge for Nature	creating community action to help nature, North Devon Biosphere	https://www.biosphere.org.uk/pledge-for-nature/about
Terracycle	Helps you find where you can recycle more	https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/
Ellie's Fund	Turn your everyday rubbish into money for brain tumour research	https://www.btrs.org.uk/Support-Us/Recycling-in-Yorkshire
Transition Towns	A community-led and run local charity that exists to strengthen the local economy, reduce our environmental impact, and build our resilience for a future with less cheap energy and a changing climate.	https://www.transitiontowntotnes.org
50:50 Shop	Second hand furniture and brick a brack for sale to raise money at the Salar Gallery, Hatherleigh. This will be available throughout March.	
Community Veg box scheme	Guidance on how to set one up in your area	https://www.lowimpact.org/lowimpact-topic/veg-box-schemes/
I hate food waste app	Help is at hand for anyone who wants to keep track of their budgets by food planning, shopping, making the most of left-overs and recipes while 'on the go', thanks to a newly-updated app from Love Food Hate Waste (LFHW).	https://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com http://www.wrap.org.uk/content/new-app-love-food-hate-waste-helps-consumers-save-£££-while-move-0