

Item 6a – Climate Emergency Committee 1st December 2021

CEC Meeting Report -a brief overview of progress so far

Website progress

- **Introducing Todmorden Town Council’s Climate Emergency Committee** -Background, progress to date and aspirations.
- **Climate Emergency Committee Action Plan** -revised and re-presented in a reader-friendly format. Plan to be broken down into the following categories:
 - Lobbying and campaigning
 - Development and planning
 - Working with local groups and initiatives
 - Raising awareness and educating
 - Supporting and liaising with neighboring government agencies
- **Todmorden Town Council’s Climate Emergency Pledge** -Introducing the Climate Emergency Pledge, link to access a PDF file of the pledge, to fill in and submit online, and print off for personal use/reference. Tips, information and advice on how to fulfil your chosen pledge promises. Feedback form to complete.
- **Todmorden Action Groups** -A comprehensive list of the various voluntary groups of Todmorden whose work either directly or indirectly relates to climate-change and environmental welfare, with a brief synopsis of each.
- **Todmorden College** -The background story of Todmorden Community College, a section on The Climate Challenge College and Todmorden Makery.
- **Grants** -work needs to be progressed as part of the website content and promoted to local groups through direct contact and social media.
- **NFM Open Evening event** -Information on the NFM event, the guest speakers and the groups and organisations they represent. Todmorden Town Council’s support of local flood-mitigation initiatives and the Mayor of Todmorden’s chosen charity 2021-22.
- **Recommended reading** -To encourage people to read around the topic of climate change and learn effective ways to address and tackle the issue.

Climate Pledge progress

- Launch at the closing of The Natural Flood Management open evening -27 participants from that event.
- **Promotional poster** to be distributed in shops and library.
- **Survey questionnaire** for pledge participants to complete and return on signing up to the pledge – still in course of preparation.
- **Feedback form** for pledge participants to complete after 3 months of signing up to the pledge- still in course of preparation.

Promotional and awareness/profile-raising progress

- Supporting the Todmorden Makery opening event. Information of this event and Tod Makery itself to be included on Facebook and Twitter.
- Press release on the NFM event evening at the town hall

Networking and collaborating

- Connecting with representatives of local councils to learn about other climate-related efforts taking place in and around Calderdale, namely on the Calderdale Council Climate Emergency Officer Forum and engagement with Hebden Royd Town Council’s newly appointed Climate Emergency and Biodiversity Coordinator.