

Item 7a – Climate Emergency Committee

1. What has been a focus of your group's work in the last couple of years?
 - Carbon reduction – micro generation and retrofit
 - Education and campaigning
 - Environmental improvements

2. What are you going to be working on as a group in the coming year?
 - Biodiversity
 - Climate resilience
 - Networking
 - Local sustainability and local energy production
 - Retrofit

3. What's been a real success for your group? What have you been really proud of?
 - Our groups are strong and continuing
 - We have a real locally, nationally and even internationally!
 - We have a long tradition of working positively for our local environment – look at Incredible Edible and Todmorden in Bloom
 - Our park has got Green Flag Status
 - Todmorden Climate College is a real beacon of activity

4. What does your group struggle with?
 - Lack of power to affect change
 - Lack of flexible funding to continue our work -
 - Understanding how to get funding
 - Lack of capacity – and volunteers – people need help to find us and match their skills and interests to the jobs we need doing

5. What kinds of support would make a big difference to your group?
 - Publicity
 - IT
 - Posters
 - Social media
 - Skills to engage people at all levels

6. If we are looking for an issue for local environmental groups to collaborate on, what should it be?
 - Retrofit work
 - Microgeneration
 - Getting big businesses with a presence in Todmorden to contribute more
 - Sharing skills and knowledge
 - Explore local currencies
 - Understanding Biodiversity Net Gain and the impact that could have locally
 - Water butts in every house
 - Food miles

7. What do you think are the top climate challenges that people in Todmorden might face in the future?
 - Extreme weather events – flood, heatwaves, storms

- How to start conversations with local farmers around land use and meat production
 - Creating long term thinking and improving local democracy
 - Street level engagement on the issues
 - Giving hope that change is possible
 - Energy efficiency and retrofitting
8. If Todmorden council should concentrate on ONE area to tackle climate change ... what should it be?
- Local air pollution
 - Climate justice – climate change will disproportionately affect poorer communities like people in Tod
 - Flooding awareness
 - Volunteer link up
 - Good News sharing

One word go-round on what they want to be collaborating on now;

- Coordination between groups (incl with Hebden) – Good News **6**
- Sustainable transport **5**
- Water butts (as an approach to flood prevention) **4**
- Biodiversity and Biodiversity Net gain **4**
- Volunteer website for Tod **2**
- Active sustainable transport – including bike workshops **2**
- Climate Justice **3**

Coordination already planned or happening or ongoing debate:

- Retrofitting (projects happening on this in the College already)
- Rewilding (ForusTree, Slow the Flow, Bridestones)
- Food transition and sovereignty challenges – debate between 3valleyVagans and Incredible Edible (local, vegan, food miles, choice)

Not got specific mention:

- Water pollution

Next steps :

- Thank you for coming letter
- Here's the write up
- Share details
- Share info on grants