

SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE GROUP

The PCM approved the creation of this group in March this year. In particular the Committee approved

- a. The church participates in the ECO church initiative
- b. A formal commitment is made to improve the environmental credentials of APC
- c. An audit is commenced to provide the answers to the questions in the ECO church survey and so assess where the gaps are.
- d. A speaker from Eco church be invited
- e. The leadership team consider ways to include environmental issues in the teaching and in house group materials etc
- f. The congregation be encouraged to participate in the Climate change and Sustainability group

We have 12 people who have so far expressed an interest and attended one of the two meetings we have had so far. We have registered with Eco church and have researched to enable us to submit a first survey which will give a baseline for further improvements. Survey of the fauna and flora in the graveyards has been undertaken and was supplemented by a dawn chorus walk on May Bank holiday. Bird and bat boxes together with bug hotels have been purchased and installed. Rushall church has received a gold award from Eco Church and they have come to speak to us and explain what was involved. As regards teaching, Steve delivered an excellent Burning Questions on the subject in April.

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