

Members Meeting 16th September 2021 (Shenfield High School):

- 1) Group photo taken
- 2) Julian Goode – intro to COP26 and Great Big Green Week

Reporting back from the individual Action groups:

- **Environment – group 1 (in the building)**
 - a. Engaging at a local level
 - b. Lobbying council to improve Shenfield common. See how we can get involved in this as it would be a quick win for BCA.
 - c. Volunteer groups engaged by the council, organised by a councillor? Ideally an officer engaged with all the woodlands and parklands in the area and a 10 year plan for organising volunteer groups.
 - d. Lobby Sainsbury's to improve their site
 - e. Brentwood North – currently can't get to certain areas by foot, only by car (currently in progress/planned). Raises the issue of areas only accessible by car, to be looked into.
- **Environment – group 2 (online)**
 - a. Roadside management – lobbying. Letting roadside verges grow etc
- **Well-being**
 - a. Thinking about empowerment, and how important it is for people to stay hopeful, given that so much of the climate crisis has started. We need to help people feel empowered - as every little helps. By connecting together as a mass of people we could really start turning this around.
 - b. Democratic crisis alongside the climate crisis
- **Power**
 - a. As a climate group we need to be very clear about what action Brentwood Borough Council and Essex County Council are doing already and not doing.
 - b. Currently not doing something about solar panels on their own buildings
 - c. More electric charging points needed
 - d. Wind turbines
 - e. Development rights – where the developer doesn't need to provide any money for maintenance /sustainability. The BC building is likely to be converted into flats.
- **Education (Roy)**
 - a. Primary schools – Sandra with us at the meeting works at Hogarth Primary School and they do a lot about educating their school. It would be great to encourage different initiatives e.g. no car day, not parking down certain lanes etc
 - b. Young people worried about their thoughts not being listened to – Eco schools / events for young people
 - c. Education for local people as well – handing out fliers/ QR codes / showing packaging for rubbish / stall down the high street

d. Pedestrianising the high street

Other notes:

Pilgrims Hatch – do an environmental audit at least once a year and report to the Borough Council and County Council

Brentwood North – Has something similar

Shared the details of the meeting next Thursday 23rd September (6pm) – public meeting about Woodland and Tree Planting. Inviting Members of the public to join.

Shared the date of our next Members' meeting (19th October 2021)