

Report To Full Council

Arundel Town Council Environment Working Group

The Working Group met on 30th June 2022 and sought to progress the following matters

- Response to public questions regarding what the council has done since declaring a climate emergency.
- Sustainability Competition
- Next steps following the Climate Emergency declaration and Town Hall carbon audit

Climate Emergency

- Councillors are planning a meeting with the castle to progress recycling opportunities.
- We are working with the Chamber of Commerce on finding ways to prevent take-away coffee cups going to landfill.
- ADC have been approached and will be requesting recycling bins for the town at the renewal of the refuse contract.
- We are supporting the Arundel Repair Café
- ADC's Climate Change and Sustainability manager has agreed to attend the June meeting of the EWG to discuss our carbon audit
- In addition, it was noted that many of the Council's projects-the LCWIP working Group, the Greener Arundel project, the Bee Project, the Arundel-Ford cycle path project were all small measures towards reversing the causes of climate change
- We have agreed that Will Page, the ADC Sustainability Officer, will come to Arundel in June (date to be arranged) to speak to the EWG and any other interested parties (we will invite all stakeholders) about how an organisation like the Town Council can set about reducing its carbon footprint.

Sustainability Competition

The EWG suggest that a competition open to all should be promoted with prizes of £250 for under 16s and £250 for over 16s. Consideration to be given to awarding further funding to the winning entry or entries should the proposals warrant it, or alternatively working with the winners to try and help them find funding from other sources.

The closing date of the competition to be at the end of October to coincide with the end of the Autumn Half Term and to be marked by a town "Climate Change" day.

The EWG will seek to set criteria for the competition.

The stakeholder group which includes the two local Primary Schools to be contacted after the Jubilee weekend.

Recommendation

THE EWG recommend this project to the council and seek approval to progress this project, set clear guidelines for the competition and offer prizes totalling £500 as set out above with consideration to be given to awarding further funding to the winning entry or entries should the submissions warrant it.