

# ALDBURY SUSTAINABILITY CLUB

- **Mission** is to
  - *reduce our impacts on the natural environment*
  - *regenerate our local biodiversity*
  - *find solutions to local sustainability issues*
- **Name**
  - We agreed to retain the name **Aldbury Sustainability Club**
- **We aim to:**
  - keep the group **small, fun** and **collaborative**
  - split into 4 subgroups – Nature, RRRR, Transport, Buildings
  - Report on progress from subgroups each quarter
  - Welcome anyone from the parish, including children over 14, who want to be involved and learn.
  - Hold expert evenings where we learn about best practice in our 4 topics
  - **Target** a few things each year (perhaps 4) where we think we can achieve progress.
- **Meetings**
  - Date of inaugural meeting 07.04.22
  - 2022 meetings – THURS **June 16<sup>th</sup>**, **Sept 8<sup>th</sup>** and **Dec 1<sup>st</sup>** at 7.30pm - **please save!!!**
- **Funding**
  - No club membership fees, no funding required at present
  - When funding required we will apply to County Council and Parish Council
  - There may be funding for feasibility study for path – ask Duncan for views

## Roles

### *Leads:*

- Lucy Carmody, Chair – working on convening, comms, path and annual village awards!
- Jont Cole, Co-Chair, Lead for **Nature** *jont.cole@gmail.com*
- Tim French, Lead for **Transport** *timothy\_pfrench@yahoo.co.uk*
- Jemima French, Lead for **Buildings** *jemimafrench17@gmail.com*
- Michelle Singleton, Lead **Reduce, Repair, Reuse, Recycle** *michellemsingleton@gmail.com*

### *Advisors:*

- Councillor Sally Symington – County Councillor responsible for Tring - path
- Councillor Kate Holton – path project, pond
- David Kirkland, Sustainable Architecture
- Duncan Eggar, Buildings

### *Engagement:*

- Felicity Aris, Head of **Communications**, website and outlook contributor
- Annie Eggar, **Diversity, Equality and Inclusion** Advisor, RRRR
- Sue Justice, **External Liaison** (with councils, Transition Town groups, Herts Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership, Wiggington etc)

### *Team Members (so far):*

- Ian Brown, Transport and RRR
- Sonja Kormann – would like to join 'path' project
- Ted Bianco – Nature, sapling project idea

### *Would like to participate:*

- Jo Horder and Paul Barritt, Tring Station (already involved with exploring solar)
- Alex Irwin
- Jenny Strasberg

### *Positions Vacant*

Sub-team leaders will look for 3-4 other people to join their teams, preferably with passion, time and expertise (or at least two of these!)

## **Working Groups**

- **Nature (Jont, Lucy)**
  - Protecting and Regenerating biodiversity
    - make Aldbury the most biodiverse parish in county
  - Pond Biodiversity – with Kate on Council
  - Gardens – working with Tess and AGC
  - Tree planting – allotment/NT sapling project with Ted Bianco (ask Ian Brown)
- **RRRR/Circularity (Michelle, Jont, Jenny, Annie)**
  - **Reduce** – advice
  - **Reuse** - Sharing – could be on website for now
    - Food sharing (Michelle, Jenny)
      - boxes to deposit surplus for charity/gifting
      - community fridge to put surplus (Berko has one)
    - Equipment sharing - on an app/platform with password protection
      - ladders, drills, saws, leaf blowers, mowers, power jets etc
      - annual fee?
    - Upcycling shed – for valuable goods no longer required. Needs management
    - Clothes swap event
  - **Repair**
    - Repair Café (Jont, Ian) – this was by far most popular idea in Survey (84%)  
Offered: sewing, restringing guitars, handyman, DIY, leatherwork, mending
  - **Recycle**
    - better labelling, instructions
    - more and better bins – by shop?
    - monthly bulky item pick up organised and advertised
    - electrical items, batteries, light bulbs, plastics and pet food pouches.
    - Composting – explore options for larger facility and sharing of compost
- **Transport (Tim, Ian)**
  - Electric Vehicles – work with Parish and County Council
    - On/Off street charging – by end 2025 could be 220 EVs in parish - needing 25 on street chargers for those with no driveway
  - Promoting Cycling and walking
    - Path to Station – Lucy, Sonja, Kate and Sally to join on this
    - Station lockers for shoes for walkers to the station to keep cars off the road
  - Electric Bus in perma-loop to Tring Station and Tring (request funding from County)
- **Buildings (Jemima, David, Duncan, Ian)**
  - Conservation Challenge

- needs support and advice
- infrared camera?
- Bring in expert speakers one evening
- Sustainable Housing – insulation, glazing, sourcing renewable energy
- Heating – sourcing deliveries of low carbon solid fuel/biomass instead of wood
- Lighting and light pollution
- Public Buildings sustainability:
  - Memorial Hall, Peace Hall, Iron Room, Church, Chapter House, Sports Pavilion.

The topic of [food access and sustainability](#) came up frequently. It does not fit naturally into any box except the sharing of our own surplus which is now in the RRRR group. The points were:

- Hoping the promised farm shop at the Trooper materialises
- Until that happens:
  - Request village shop stocks more fruit and veg (everyone!) – perhaps Suni and Daisy could
    - Sell excess produce and flowers from allotments/gardens
    - Post on FB when stock is in e.g. strawberries, asparagus
  - Trail a regular weekly visit from Grooms, baker and a fishmonger – they could also deliver pre-ordered food on this day to homes to reduce delivery miles

Many thanks to everyone who made the effort to come to the meeting. It was small, it was fun, it was a great start!

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