

Meeting notes – Kimpton Parish Council Environment Working Party

19 July 2022, The Boot, 7.30pm

Attendees: Jon Marsh, Davina Malcolm, Robin Riley, Ian Corbett (chair)

Summary of actions agreed:

1. Be a standalone group which promotes the activities of other local groups (e.g. Sustainable St Albans or Welwyn Sustainable Living), rather than officially affiliating to any of them
2. Operate under the existing Kimpton Environmentalists (KE) name (which has a bank account) or create a new one. If a new one, then either disband KE or make it clear what the distinction is, as it makes no sense to have two groups doing essentially the same thing.
3. No longer be part of the national “Greening” Campaign - <http://www.greening-campaign.org/> - which we agreed was quite dated in its approach and level of ambition
4. Clarify what is the role of this community group v the role of KPC, and suggest what actions KPC should be taking in light of its decision to formally declare a climate emergency in January 2022
5. The focus of this group should be on running and promoting locally relevant events, activities and workshops which residents can get involved in.
6. The Jump campaign (<https://takethejump.org/>) was felt to be an excellent framework to consider adopting, as it was clear, constructive, impactful and doable. The next step is for us all to get familiar with this, and think about a) what we could locally that relates to each focus area, b) which we would like to lead on, and c) where we need extra volunteers to support
7. Some local councils are also ‘taking The JUMP’, so this is something KPC could also consider in due course, if we decided to adopt it at a community level - <https://takethejump.org/resource-library>
8. We agreed that it was important to appeal to the “moderate flank” who are interested in taking actions rather being campaigners or activists (though this might develop over time). All our communication should be pitched accordingly, and not aimed at the “radical flank”.
9. In addition, we will follow up with the Herts-based HEART Community Group (<https://heartcommunitygroup.org/>) who are focussed on building local community resilience, both practically and emotionally.
10. Aim is still to launch the new initiative in line with <https://greatbiggreenweek.com/>, which is the UK’s biggest ever celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. It runs 24 Sept- 2 Oct.
11. Next meeting date TBC (holidays dependent) but will be in August if possible.