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Sustainable Development - Good Practice Example of action a Parish Council can take to encourage a Carbon Neutral Community

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Parish Council Involvement

Climate Change present an opportunity and a need for urgent action

PCs can promote benefit of living carbon neutral<

Ties in with power of well being

Scientific Consensus we are undergoing Climate Change, more environmental refugees in world than political

137 million people have experience the effects of flooding

Tips for initiating a Green Campaign in a Community

Engage Public

Address sustainable Living in Communities – Initiate projects

Community Adapt

New start - sustainable living

To engage public

Keep it simple

Make it enjoyable

Make public feel included

Make them feel powerful - their actions have made a difference

Example of Action

Deliver an A4 card to every household with 8 very simple actions everyone

can carry out, eg install 3 low energy light bulbs

wear jumper before turning up heating

Once household achieved instructed to place in window

Demonstrates acting together not in isolation

Local community initiatives will contribute to global difference<

Hold a Food Safari, people bring food clearly labeled with land of origin,

emphasise those sourced locally

Parish Councils are well placed to give direction to the community

Obtaining figures on amount of power used by a particular community is easy for an individual by using utility bills.

DEFRA are developing measures for carbon emissions

Use of Local Food Produce

Need to do will become urgent as supermarkets have greater difficulty to

source supplies, China's standard of living is increasing and will be exporting

less, plus increasing oil prices

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