

Kinver Climate Action Group



Minutes of the General Meeting on 25 April 2025

1. Present:

Cllr Steve Anderson (Chair), Cllr Eunice Lord (Vice-Chair), Kathryn Clark, Phil Jones, Peter Barber, Nick Pearson, Sally Harris

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes were passed as a true record of the meeting.

3. River Stour

Our public meeting with Severn Trent “Towards a healthy River Stour” in March drew an interested audience of over 60 people. The talk discussed sewage treatment and raw sewage overflows, and also highlighted what citizens can do – including the fact that wet wipes are responsible for over 90% of unlicensed raw sewage overflows, because they don’t degrade, and therefore block pipes. A follow-up river walk with S-T took place on 11 April. Severn Trent expressed interest in continuing to work with us on sampling and improvement of the river. We are participating in this spring’s Great UK Water Blitz river sampling.

4. Market Stall and Repurposing of Goods

It was agreed that we continue with this very popular activity, and use it more proactively to provide wider information, eg impact on carbon footprints; map of recycling points; and other activities of the group.

4. Talks and Activities Programme

It was agreed that the group should arrange more public talks, possibly in alternate months. Topics agreed included:

- *Straw Bale Building: Using Natural Materials for a Cosy Home: 19 June, 7pm, Senior Citizens (booked).*
Action: PJ, liaising with **DH** (social media) and **EL** (website, hall booking)
- *‘Heat pumps: Will they work for me?’ or similar, with local examples*
Action: EL/PJ.
- *‘Reducing and Managing Our Waste: ’ or similar: Gemma Wall, Waste Savvy Staffs*
Action: EL. Gemma has agreed in principle, date and title to be decided.
- *Kinver Connections project:* It was agreed to invite a speaker to present the current very positive position to the group, at the next (22 May) meeting.
Action: PJ

Other ideas raised, which need more development, included:

- Food waste and sustainability, maybe with a visit to the Digester at Round Hill: **(NP)**
- Visit to Severn Trent Green Power (**PB** to investigate)
- Christmas Crafts – sustainably **(SH)**

- Crowle Community Solar (**NP** to see if they can provide a speaker)
- Further events with Severn Trent, including another river walk, or a walk along the Stour to a pub. (**SH**)

5. Any Other Business

Staffordshire Way: Given the ongoing developments across the Staffs Way route at White Hill; and the current Staffs County project to improve the route; it was agreed that the KCAG should push for re-routing /alternative routing of the final section (from White Hill area to Kinver Edge/North Worcs Way). Potential advantages include: Incorporation of the iconic Toposcope and Hill Fort on Kinver Edge; signage of an optional route into Kinver Village for services; avoiding the dangerous narrow paving on Meddins Lane; and providing an alternative to the section passing through the proposed housing development at White Hill.

Action: SA, SH, PJ consortium to pursue with NT/SCC

PJ suggested the group should investigate other sources of funds/ grants.

6. Dates of next meetings

- **Thursday 22 May:** Committee Meeting 7pm, Con Club (with invitee from Kinver Connections)
- **Thursday 19 June:** Building with Straw Bales: Using Natural Materials for a Cosy Home. Public presentation by Salli Gosling and Phil Jones. 7pm, Senior Citizens Club
- **Thursday 24 July:** Committee Meeting 7pm, Con Club