



Dengie Climate Action Partnership (DCAP)- Briefing for Councillors BTC 12/9/2023 from Cllr. Diane Carter

Climate Action Partnerships- A Brief Description

Climate action can be described as practical efforts to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Climate action can involve a range of activities, mechanisms, policy instruments etc to reduce the effect of human induced climate change and its impacts.

Key areas:

Land Use	Natural Environment	Marine Environment
Buildings	Transport and Travel	Power / Energy
Waste	Sustainability	Community Engagement
Influencing Others	Campaigning	

Examples of other local Climate Action Partnerships-

The Heybridge and Maldon Climate Action Partnership (HMCAP)

The Heybridge and Maldon Climate Action Partnership (HMCAP) is a new community climate action group, run by the community for the community.

1. To take practical actions in our local area to raise awareness
2. To examine practical ways to help mitigate the potential impacts of climate change on our local area
3. To bring the community together in taking positive practical steps to save energy, reduce waste and enhance our local environment
4. To work together to promote better, more sustainable travel options

All residents from Maldon and Heybridge are welcome to join the group. (Taken from group Facebook page)

Tollesbury Climate Action Partnership

OUR VILLAGE. OUR FUTURE.

A group of residents set up Tollesbury Climate Partnership during 2021.

Their aim is to reduce the impact of climate change and help protect the village that they love for future generations.

As Tollesbury's coastline is particularly vulnerable to sea-level rise, there is a need for strong flood protection to mitigate its impacts. They are working to build a resilient community where we grow our own food, produce our own energy, encourage sustainable transport and protect our natural environment.

They have over 180 members and six working groups:

Community Engagement Energy Sustainable Food Marine Environment Natural Environment Transport and Travel

One of their key strengths is in the variety of their membership, as everyone brings different skills to the group. From business administration, social media and home energy advice to growing seeds, planting trees and creating signage. Everyone is welcome and can make a difference. (Taken from Website)

ECC-

The 'Essex Climate Action Plan Essex County Council's response to Net Zero: Making Essex Carbon Neutral' (November 2022) advocates encouraging and supporting local community lead action (9.4 empower our Communities) and the ECC Climate Action Report 2021-2022 (November 2022) promotes 'Community Engagement' (Section 6).

MDC-

'Climate Action Strategy 2021-2030- Taking climate action for our future home and generations' and the 'Climate Action Plan 2023-2024 Taking climate action for our future home and generations' advocate engagement with local communities.

Background

Earlier in the year I was approached by Claire Williamson (Climate Action Lead Officer at MDC) about the possibility of setting up a Climate Action Partnership in Burnham. This was prior to being co-opted back onto BTC and because of my involvement in Dengie Earth Matters. I have attended Heybridge and Maldon CAP meetings since February 2023. Since then, things have moved on and the plan is to launch a Climate Action Partnership for the Dengie (DCAP).

Launch of Dengie CAP

The launch meeting will be held On the 19th October 2023 at 7pm. (See attached publicity for event).

Speakers are-

Prof. Jules Pretty (Prof. of Environment and Society at University of Essex)

Cllr. Peter Schwier (ECC Climate Czar, Environment, Waste Reduction and Recycling)

Cllr. Paula Spenceley (MDC- involved in setting up Heybridge and Maldon CAP)

Jo Phillips (Chair-Heybridge and Maldon CAP).

Local speakers- Jo Coombes and Cllr Una Norman (BTC Environment Coordinator and MDC Cllr)

Dengie CAP

The Dengie Climate Action Partnership (DCAP) is a new environmental community initiative, which is open to anyone concerned about the impact of climate change and for those that want to take action to protect the Dengie for future generations.

Publicity and Invites

A Facebook page has been created for DCAP <https://www.facebook.com/groups/321373290341145/> (Possibly Instagram).

Printed literature advertising the event has been created (see separate).

Local Newspaper, and free magazines (Maldon and Burnham, Focus, Mayland Mayl, Vision and Nub News).

Invitation is open to all interested individuals and groups in the Dengie, as well as local Cllrs at Parish and MDC level.

Aim of Launch

To provide information and engage local people to set up and run a Climate Action Group in the Dengie in line with similar CAPs in the Maldon District. This will be supported by Claire Williamson from MDC.

Proposal-

To get Council approval / endorsement for the above DCAP.

What does this look like?

- To promote and support DCAP launch (MDC Cllrs for Burnham and other Parish Councils have been invited and will be involved)
- To receive information and proposals on Climate Action from DCAP on local issues and initiatives.
- To work together where applicable to reduce the impact of climate change in our local area.
- To help bring the community together in take positive practical steps to save energy, reduce waste and enhance our local environment.
- To provide a meeting space free of charge (subject to availability) and admin support (such as printing and photocopying, which will of course be kept to a minimum).
- To help with funding applications where appropriate and/or partner with DCAP to bring about positive environment initiatives and actions.
- The group, DCAP will be made up of local people as an autonomous group and run by an elected committee structure.
- Some elements of the Environment remit could be carried out within DCAP (e.g. Keep Burnham Tidy such as litter picking and street/area champions).