

CHURT PARISH COUNCIL

Terms of Reference for the Environmental Working Group

Purpose: 1. To guide and where practical, support, Churt's local response to the global climate change emergency, in support of the vision of a greener, cleaner and more sustainable Churt.
2. To monitor and initiate appropriate, feasible and practical actions on local environmental matters, including, but not limited to, carbon-emissions, biodiversity, recycling, litter, pollution, trees and hedgerows and footpaths.

Membership: Two members of the Parish Council (Councillors Johnson and Petty) plus 3 residents of Churt, invited to join the working group based on their local knowledge, experience and passion for developing a biodiverse, low-carbon emitting environment, good for wildlife and the health and well-being of local residents.

Chair: Myra Johnson

Decisions: This group is a working group of the Parish Council, which may delegate some decision making to the group. Outside of this delegation, the group will make recommendations on climate change and other environmental matters to the Parish Council at its monthly meetings.

Meetings: Initially once each month, but later bi-monthly.

Responsibilities:

- Taking into account the strategies, policies and plans of Surrey County Council, Waverley Borough Council and partner organisations, develop a Churt Community Climate Action Plan (CCCAP) for recommendation to the full Churt Parish Council.
- Following approval of the CCCAP, promote, guide and give such support as is feasible and practical to its implementation, working in partnership with Surrey County Council, Waverley Borough Council and partner organisations.
- In particular, and as part of the CCCAP, promote, guide and monitor implementation of the Surrey County Council New Trees Strategy.
- Develop and implement a plan to improve the management and benefit to both the environment and to the community of the small area of woodland off Pond Lane which is in the ownership of the Churt Parish Council.
- Monitor the state of carbon-emissions, biodiversity, recycling, litter, pollution (air, noise, light, hydro-carbon, waterway), trees and hedgerows and any other environmental matters. Bring any identified issues to the working group for

discussion and action where appropriate. In this context, specific areas may be allocated to specific members of the working group.

- As requested by the Churt Parish Council, review and advise on the environmental considerations of any area of local decision, policy making or implementation.
- Liaise with and share information with environmental partners and other working groups in the local area.

Reporting back:

Minutes will be issued of each meeting and a verbal report will also be made to the next meeting of the Churt Parish Council if required.