

2021 09 24 CAM meeting notes with guest speaker Ric Battarbee, Emeritus Professor of Environmental Change at University College London and co-ordinator of the Addingham Environment Group.

CAM meeting: Rick Battarbee.

Excellent presentation.

Overview of climate emergency

Addingham group started in 2016.

Use one Planet Principles:

Zero carbon

Waste,

Wildlife

Water.

Aim to raise awareness.

Email list of 250.

Social media 650 on FB and 200 on Twitter

Feature in Civic Society monthly newsletter

Run an Environment weekend

Involve local clubs etc.

Saplings for young people.

Zero carbon

Use carbon footprint tool from WWF.

Village average is 11.8 tonnes.

Needs to be 10.5 in 2021.

Individual self awareness.

Needs a project person.

Aim for solar panels - less than 5% households. Get children to do a count.

Get school and scouts to have panels.

Could there be a charge point at the school?

Got a £3k home energy efficiency grant and purchased home energy monitors and thermal imaging camera plus funds for training.

Lend out to people and cascade the info.

Zero waste

Jumble trail - 50 tables at £5 each. Recycle, re use, re-sell. Raised £500.

Single use plastic - mass unwrap

Reusing tree guards

Litter picking - support from BMDC.

Link with Scouts

BMDC info - A'ham 31% recycled waste - aim for 50%. Currently 69%.

Grant of £1200 for 7 wormeries- people keen to use them and will tell others.

Wildlife Friendly Addingham

Planting, recording diversity, eradicate invaders; zero poison.

Few species rich hay meadows left in the Dales. Modify grass cutting.

Rake up grass to remove nutrients.

Sow yellow rattle to suppress grasses.

Sow seen in pots and then plant- use poor soil.

Attracts pollinators.

Get locals to count and use database to record and report each year . verified by York Naturalists.

Use what's app groups to keep in touch.

Birds - recording and measuring

Hedgehog mapping and rescue

Lakeland gold - bulk buy peat free compost . Pre- order and sell on with £1 mark up.

Sustainable Water

Flood risk and sewage contamination.

£20k from Wharfe Flood partnership and operate Beck wardens and link with the 4 Becks project with Yorkshire Dales River Trust.

Litter clearance from culverts, talk to residents, planted trees.

Monitor water quality.

Part of Ilkley clean river group.

Do Citizen Science.

Outcomes

Community successes - memberships, knowledge, contribution to planning

Environmental successes- less legacy litter, eradicate balsam, more wildlife - trees and ponds;

Challenges and frustrations - overcoming resistance to change; inability of agencies through lack of resources to enforce legislation; reach out beyond membership to the whole community; how to speed up the needed transformation; are we making a difference.

Owe it to future generations.

Now get 15-20 people volunteering per week.