

**CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP (CEEWG) meeting on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7.30pm held in the Community Hall. The press and public are also invited to attend.**

**In attendance: Cllr Hood (Chair), Jane Durney (JD), Charles Couzens (CC), Nick Truman (NT)**

**Clerk: Sam Mainstone, Assistant Town Clerk**

**Meeting started at 7:30pm**

### **MEETING NOTES**

**25/22: Apologies for Absence (LGA 1972 s85(1)).**

Apologies received and noted from Richard Clothier.

**25/23: Notes of the previous meeting.**

To receive and approve the [notes from the last meeting](#) held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025.

Also the notes of the meeting dated 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

Approved and signed by the Chair.

**25/24: Taking the One Planet Action Plan forward.**

**1) Habitats inventory;**

a. To discuss the information shared by Richard Clothier, in more detail  
Deferred due to absence.

b. To discuss next steps – held over from the working group meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025.

CC to research the Forest of Selwood mapping tool and JH to explore the Somerset Nature Recovery Strategy mapping tool, ATC to find out if this will be accessible via Parish Online via Somerset Council contact known to cllr Jones. Information to be circulated prior to next meeting.

Once an appropriate mapping tool has been selected planning can begin in Spring/Summer to map, focussing on wildlife and areas of significance to people in the parish, connecting the community.

The schools may be interested in becoming involved, and this could be considered as a D of E project.

**2) Seeking local ownership of property;**

- a. update from chair about potential Good Company Bruton initiative, and to discuss possible inputs from this group.

This is a planned accessible conservation space for the community. Good Company Bruton are intending to create or use an existing charity to manage this space if it is secured.

**3) To contribute to the development of a council allotments policy.**

One Planet Bruton have been working with Somerset Wildlife Trust towards the achievement of the Wilder Allotments classification at Durslade allotment site. Bruton Town Council have agreed in principal to work towards the Wilder Allotments classification and one of the steps towards this involves creating an allotment policy.

Points discussed that should form part of the policy are as follows:-

**Disallow:-**

- Application of peat-based products.
- Application of herbicides
- Application of pesticides
- Burning of waste.

**Support and encourage:-**

- Utilise waste for purpose.
- Promote communal water collection.

If statutory plots, the re selling of produce should be against policy (need to check if they are statutory plots)

**4) Building performance and resilience;**

- a. to revisit the proposal to set up a programme of regular workshops covering heat pumps, insulation, solar and adaptation against extreme heat and rainfall.

JH and officers to develop a schedule of one workshop per quarter and potential venues should be the Community Hall and Unionist Club.

JH happy to plan a talk on heat pumps and solar.

CH/JD are happy to do an adaptation workshop.

JD suggested a Listed buildings workshop. AC to invite representative from the Bath Preservation Trust.

**25/25: Other information sharing.**

- NT - Many thanks to Bruton Country Stores who have donated a huge amount of seeds to the Growing space, there will be masses of propagated seeds which will be made available to allotment holders in the area once ready.
- JH – A [link to Climate Outreach](#) (to be circulated) which provides helpful advice around the communication about protecting nature, they explore the means of communication and attitudes.
- JH – Good Company Bruton have recently set up a new community allotment plot at Cuckoo Hill allotments, to encourage and introduce new members (those who do not have the time/means for a plot of their own).

**25/26: Date of the next meeting of the working group:**

To discuss the date and venue of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> January in the Community Hall at the usual time of 7:30pm.

**END OF MEETING AT 8:35PM**