

## **Climate & Biodiversity Emergency Committee**

Impact of Covid pandemic has had a significant impact on implementation of plans to encourage and support our community to take positive action in relation to all or some of the following:

- Energy usage, wastage, and supply
- Eating a more plant-based diet
- Reducing all waste, including food waste
- Reducing the carbon footprint of food and drink consumed
- Increasing number of wildlife friendly trees, shrubs, and flowers to improve levels of biodiversity and capture carbon from the atmosphere.

We all look forward to a better 2021 and an annual plan featuring positive actions that can be taken monthly has been developed. The individual actions or activities address different aspects of an overarching “Consume less, waste nothing” message that will be publicised locally. So, for example a core message in December might be to “Shop local and buy local”.

Distribution of this overall annual and monthly messages will be achieved via events, community groups and local media ideally featuring the particular action or activity for that month.

The committee now includes “Biodiversity” in its title and plans to support this include:

- Not for profit market stall at Wells market selling native tree saplings at £1 each (initial test in October 2020 saw over 250 saplings sold by lunchtime!)
- Community tree planting projects that require creation, input, and support
- improvements to biodiversity on land managed by Wells City Council such as the Wells Cemetery.