



Summary of Achievements

2019

March

- Administering, analysing and sharing the results of the *Energy Alton* door-to door climate change survey.
- 22nd Joint *Energy Alton / ALFI / Alton Society* showing of inspirational French film *Demain 'Tomorrow'*

April

- Beginning to sign people up for the **Climate Awareness Network**
- Establishing a public profile. Design of distinctive **logo** and notices Setting up **@altonclimate** on Facebook and email **altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com** (also Twitter)
- Setting up database of individual and group contacts
- Supporting Extinction Rebellion demos in London
- Talking on **Wey Valley Radio** (and monthly thereafter)
- **Climate Awareness Stall** at the farmers' market (and monthly through the summer)

June

- Providing an **Editorial** in *Round & About*
- 10th **Green Pull-out section in the Alton Herald** - for which we provided the banner heading and editorial text
- 17th **Inaugural Open Meeting** to enable people to "join in"
 - Subgroups:
 - Green Spaces
 - Food
 - Less Stuff
 - Transport
 - Energy
 - Building Standards

- Lobbying
- Information and Outreach

- producing short video of inaugural meeting.

- 22nd Stall at ATC's Community Fayre in the Public Gardens

July

- 18th Lobbying EHDC to support Ginny Boxall's (successful) proposal to declare a climate emergency
- 19th Attending HCC to support (successful) move to declare climate emergency

August

- (*Green Spaces Group*) Alton & Villages Local Action for Nature AVLAN - Wildlife-friendly gardening leaflet
- Centre-spread in *Round & About* including '**Climate-Aware Household**' window notice.
- 4th Meeting with County Councillor Andrew Joy
- 12th Meeting with EHDC councillors

September

- (*Food group*) - **cooking instruction classes**
- 18th Meeting with Gilbert White Museum to discuss joint approaches to **GW300** (i.e. **G**(ilbert) **W**(hite's) **300**th anniversary)
- 20th Organising a popular demonstration in the Market Square in support of the international children's strike. Providing the photo which occupied half the front page of that week's Alton Herald - which also carried a supportive editorial feature.

- 30th Lobbying East Hants District Council on new building energy standards “*Golden opportunity to incorporate strong environmental standards in the redraft of the Local Plan*”

October

- 12th Initiating and successfully establishing the **Alton Repair Cafe**
- 19th Contributed to *Energy Alton’s Home Energy Day*
- 26th **Library display**

November

- Contributed Editorial to *Round & About*
- **2nd Open Meeting** Sponsoring the **Community Bus** for attendees
- 23rd Stall at Gilbert White’s house Eco-Fair
- 30th **Tree planting** - successful stimulus to ATC

December

- Facilitating with Energy Alton the establishment of the ‘**Community Cupboard**’ and Community Fridge to distribute surplus food from supermarkets to local people.

2020

January

- **Advising schools** on making their grounds more wildlife friendly, on outdoor learning, meeting with school heads on two specific new initiatives, the “design an eco-hero competition” and an “eco-conference”
- **Website** goes live www.AltonClimateNetwork.org.uk
- The first of our **regular columns in The Herald**

Ongoing

- Establishing a relationship with our **MP Damian Hinds** and eliciting a positive response. (There are

indications that we may actually have influenced him.)

- Establishing good relations with **all three layers of local Government**: Town, District & County Councillors
- (*Lobbying & Campaigning group*) **Challenging disinformation** in local media
- Writing to BBC and National Media
- Promotion of rail travel ‘by example’
- **Interacting** with the public and **spreading the word** through stalls at events through the summer and autumn
- Providing **mutual support** as colleagues engage on a daily basis with the frightening realities of the climate crisis and the intractability of its denial.

The Future

- Setting up a **Community Hub** at the Community Centre
- Working with Town Council on plans for a (first ever) **Alton Eco-Fair** on 12th July 2020 (and partnership on other climate change issues)
- (*AVLAN & GW300*) establishing a **garden** in front of All Saints Church inspired by Gilbert White’s Garden.
- (*AVLAN*) Improving **green spaces in Alton** for wildlife
- Stall at **Nature Festival** at Gilbert White’s House in May