**Oxford Friends of the Earth: Action on climate change - beyond COP26**

**We need to think what we should do as a group following the COP**. It is not clear at present how successful if at all the COP will be. There are likely to be very different views on this. **One point is clear. Promises have been made and need to be kept to by governments, corporations etc.** What we can do about that as one local group is questionable and should tie in to national work.

**The second point is actually making things happen:** delivering change and delivering solutions at a local level.

We already have activity to which we are fairly committed. There is:

* Our push for new homes to be zero carbon and a more engaged approach to retrofit and eco renovation of existing homes
* Work on air pollution
* Trees and the Trees Collaborate Project
* Work on transport issues and the upcoming new local transport plan
* Work on local planning issues and Oxfordshire 2050
* Follow up to the Oxfordshire COP26 Alliance – should we do anything?

**All of these have some links to work on climate change. Some of this work is – as we know – a bit ‘techy’. Do we need a simpler campaign / project that encourages more people to engage?** We will discuss all these issues at our December meeting, but we need to think now what we might do in the near future.

**Should we organise some kind of post-COP event to discuss collaborative action?**

**One other suggestion is to focus on renovation and retrofit of homes.**

There’s a whole range of problems around this – technical, political but also attitudinal (people don’t want to retrofit their homes). One focus for local action could be tackling these engagement issues.

**A first discussion suggested a survey on what people think about and understand about the need to save energy / retrofit in buildings and links to the climate crisis.** We could launch this at the Oxford Green Fair on Saturday Dec. 4th and have it online as well. We will need a small working group to set this up.

**One other possible work area is wider community engagement**. We have some funding to set up workshops with community groups across the county to discuss their ideas / concerns on climate change (especially groups who have not engaged with this so far). We can pay for a visual artist to attend each and turn the ideas into a poster. We would this develop a small exhibition of diverse views on the climate crisis. We will need a team to work on this.

***So what do you want Oxford FoE to do? How would you like to help?***