

### **23/111 Climate Emergency Update**

*report to parish council for 4<sup>th</sup> December from Henry Gent (sorry I am away)*

Following on from the parish declaration of a climate emergency about 4 years ago, the parish council has taken a number of significant steps to reduce its own footprint, to encourage parishioners to also engage with the threat to climate and nature, and to deal with the social and economic challenges of sustainability.

I feel hugely encouraged by the enthusiasm of local people and businesses to create a more sustainable world. That's why I think it would be worthwhile to bring our residents and resident businesses together to focus on how we can work together to do more in this direction. I hope that parish council will support a workshop, to held over the course of a day, (or alternatively 2 evenings). The workshop will be led by "People and Planet" who have experience in doing this. I hope this will be more than just a talking shop and that the people who attend will gain more confidence to set targets for sustainability. Given that fossil fuels have stayed stubbornly at 80% of global energy, even as energy use has gone through the roof, and given that greenhouse gas concentrations have continued to rise at much the same (record) amount, we need to act or we will succumb to despair!

HG 29/11