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Midgley Climate Action

Over the last few months a small group of residents have been meeting via Zoom to discuss what can be done by us in Midgley to help to combat climate change. We have been focussing on practical steps that can be undertaken either by individuals or collectively by the community. These include:

- Home energy improvements
- Solar panels
- Electric vehicle charging
- Tree planting
- Flood prevention and mitigation measures

If you are concerned about Climate Change and its effects on all of our lives and can offer practical help to local people please come and join us.

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Home Energy Improvements The Green Homes Grant

In August the government announced a new grant scheme. for making energy efficiency improvements to your home.

The grant can be used to install insulation (floor, wall or roof) and/or a heat pump, solar thermal panels, or a biomass boiler. Some other energy efficiency improvements can also be included.

The grant covers up to 2/3rds of the cost of the work. The amount of the grant is capped at £5,000. (For low income households it covers all the work, capped at £10,000.)

Homeowners and landlords can apply for the grant from the end of September. In the meantime, you can find out what improvements can be made to your home and obtain quotes from certified tradespeople.

For details of the grant go to:

www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-the-green-homes-grant-scheme

We actively encourage you to take up this offer to make your home more energy efficient. This will reduce your heating bills, add value to your house and give you a higher EPC rating.

Members of our group are willing to help local residents to decide what to do, or to help to apply for these grants.

We have a thermal imaging camera available for local people to use. This can show where heat is being lost on the outside or where cold is coming in on the inside – helping to discover where the best gains can be made.



Please get in touch with Martin on 882394, email: martin.tallis@gmail.com or Graham on 07713 242345 email graham.joyce1@btinternet.com

Solar Panels

Community Room and Shop Building

Midgley Matters has been considering how to address the high energy use required by the shop's chillers and freezers needing to be on all the time. As the rear of the building has a large South facing roof that is not overshadowed, this is an ideal situation for the installation of Solar PV panels. These panels would generate clean electricity that could be used by the shop appliances and contribute to the reduction of the electricity bill when the sun is shining. At this stage the group is investigating the feasibility and cost of buying and installing the panels as well as considering other factors such as battery storage.

Electric Vehicle Charging

We all know how important clean air is to our health, and the need to reduce our individual greenhouse gas emissions.



Did you know that:-

- The UK government will ban the sale of Petrol and Diesel cars and small vans from 2035. Most new cars will then be fully electric (Battery Electric Vehicles – BEVs).
- Second hand Electric Vehicles are becoming cheaper to buy.
- People who have to park on the street will need communal charging points

So, we have been investigating where it will be possible to install on-street charging points in Midgley and are now working with Calderdale Council to get them installed.

Tree Planting

We are working with local community tree planting group Treeresponsibility who have included Midgley in their plans for this coming tree planting season, and we have been provisionally allocated 1000 trees to plant around the village and the surrounding area. Trees will be native species such as oak, birch and rowan that grow well in our Pennine landscape.

We are looking for sites for tree planting, so if you own some land and could accommodate a number of trees, please get in touch. We will also need volunteers to help with the planting. Contact Anne Holdsworth on 07985 128737.

Flood Prevention and Mitigation Measures



With Covid-19 taking all the attention, we should not forget the flooding that Midgley experienced (again) earlier this year. We are in touch with the Council, with the support

of our local councillors, to engage with them on what flood alleviation measures could be possible to reduce the risk of further flooding affecting the village. We will keep you posted on any progress in future newsletters.