



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Fairer World Lindfield Climate Action Group started its life 3 years ago when Lindfield gained accreditation in 2018 as a Fairtrade Village. Emerging from this came the beginnings of the climate action group Fairer World Lindfield with the aim of raising awareness about the climate and ecological crisis and encouraging individual and collective change that can make a difference.

Prior to lockdown live events with speakers and promotion of local produce were held in King Edward Hall. Since that time regular monthly virtual Climate Cafes have been well attended on Zoom. A wide range of topics have taken place, with expert speakers on issues around, Home Insulation, Divesting, Fast Fashion, Growing Your Own, Insect Life In Your Back Garden, Becoming More Sustainable, Climate Justice, Your Carbon Footprint, Film Screenings etc. Videos of these and many more Climate Cafes can be found on Fairer World Lindfield's Facebook Page.

Co-ordinators of the group, Chris Lee and Peter Desmond recognise how hard it is not to feel overwhelmed by this crisis. Chris says, "I've certainly struggled to believe that the small

daily changes I've made can make a difference. I'm a lot more aware of being kinder to our world, by trying to reduce my car journeys, using less plastic, shopping locally, eating less meat and changing my bank account to a more ethical bank, or it could be just writing to your local MP and sharing your concerns. It may not be herculean but it's important to do something. I look at my 12 year old grandson who told me as we came into the New Year, that in 2030 he would be 20 years old and as I rejoiced at this milestone, I wondered and I hoped that it will be a fairer world for both people and planet. Maybe we have to believe that little by little, a little becomes a lot, and change can begin to take place."

Our March Online Climate Café is at 7.30pm on Monday 7th March. Our speaker is Tony Whitbread, President of Sussex Wildlife Trust who will talk about the "Life of Trees" and their place of importance for our planet. If you'd like our list of Eco Tips to becoming more sustainable or any further information, please email Chris or Peter at Fairerworldlindfield@gmail.com We are always looking for volunteers in any capacity, so please get in touch if you would like to help.

STEERING GROUP FOR CLAIR HALL

Mid Sussex District Council is proposing to create a Member Steering Group to oversee the delivery of new community facilities on the Clair Hall site in Haywards Heath.

As part of a public engagement exercise last year, the majority of residents expressed support for modernisation of the community facilities on the Clair Hall site. The Council then agreed to commission detailed, evidence-led work to examine all the options, in order to deliver modern, future proof community facilities on the site.

Cabinet will meet on 14 February to discuss the creation of a new Member Steering Group. The aim of the Clair Hall steering group will be to provide

oversight and guidance as detailed options are investigated further. The group will also provide the opportunity for Cllr Mike Pulfer, Leader of Haywards Heath Town Council to be involved in supporting and influencing the work.

Mid Sussex District Council has significant experience in managing complex projects and attracting investment, both public and private, to support the development of the district. The group, which is expected to start work in March, will draw on this experience as it works alongside a specialist advisor.

The development of options will be led by an external specialist advisor with experience in the arts, culture and leisure sector. Using their expertise, they will co-ordinate market research, engagement and analysis to develop proposals for review by the Member Steering Group.