

# CCAG's AIMS - HOW WE INTEND TO HELP THE COMMUNITY

Help residents better understand and prepare for potential changes to environmental policies / industry standards.

Help residents understand their own carbon footprint and home energy efficiency, including how they can improve these, and the associated potential costs & savings.

Liaise with NY council to understand broader climate change initiatives in the region / resources / information and share these with residents.

Be a voice to represent the community and raise associated issues (e.g., recycling policies, safer cycle routes).

Liaise with community provisions (e.g., school/ church/ transport) and understand what climate actions are being taken / what support the community could give.

Potential to act as a coordinator of a community 'net zero plan' - as per other communities, to take action against climate change.

## Do you want to save money & help the environment?

As a community we could achieve an enormous amount together. Whilst we can wait for government policies and industry standards to drive top-down change, the world needs a more immediate, "bottom-up" ground swell of action. We are in contact with North Yorkshire Council about how community groups can help drive change and will share more at our meeting on 24 February 2024. Ahead of that, we want to understand how the broader community feels and give everyone an opportunity to voice their opinion / concerns / areas of need.

Our starting point is to ask local households, companies, farms and other community members to complete the attached survey (tear down dotted line) so we can understand people's views and how this group could help them live/ operate more sustainably.

Part of this involves questions that will help us understand our community 'carbon footprint' better, to help prioritise areas of focus (e.g. organising a spotlight on energy conservation measures that could help households reduce their own energy costs and improve their own footprint).

Everyone is welcome at our meeting on 24 February but if you can't make it, please reach out via the survey - see details overleaf.

**"The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it." - Robert Swan**



**"We are the first generation to feel the impact of climate change and the last generation that can do something about it." - Barack Obama**

## Community Climate Action Group (CCAG) Survey

| To what extent do you agree with the following:                           | Strongly Agree           | Mainly Agree             | Don't Agree              |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| - I support CCAG's aims   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - I support exploring a community net zero plan further                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - I think climate change is one of the biggest challenges the world faces | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### Household Energy Conservation:

#### A: Your Home/ Business' Footprint

- Location (nearest village):
- Property (circle): Domestic / Business / Both / Farm
- Approximate year (or decade) building was built:
- Council tax band (circle): A B C D E F G H
- Type (circle): Terraced / Semi-detached / Detached
- Floors (circle): 1 storey / 2 storey / 3 storey
- Construction (circle): brick / stone / timber frame
- Walls (circle): solid wall / cavity wall / mixture
- Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating & date:

#### B. Your Home Energy Sources

Tick whichever options apply to your property:

| Heating                   | Central Heating          | Fire/stove               |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Gas-mains                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| LPG                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Oil                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Wood                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Coal                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Heat pump - air source    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Heat pump - ground source | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Electric                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Biomass                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### Energy source/management:

- Mains grid
- Solar panels
- Wind turbine
- Battery storage
- Other

### C. Your Energy Conservation Measures

Loft insulation depth (circle): <270mm, 270mm, >270mm

Windows (tick all that apply)

- double glazed
- triple glazed
- shutters
- blinds
- thermal curtains

Walls (tick all that apply)

- internally lined
- externally lined
- insulated cavity

LED Lighting - what proportion of your lighting is LED?  
(circle): 0% <50% >50% 100% Don't know

D. Please tick if you would be interested in

- Being added to our CCAG distribution list.
- Attending a show/tell session that explains what EPCs are & how you can improve your home's energy conservation.
- Using the village hall's thermal imaging camera to self-assess your own home.

If yes to any of the above, please provide your email address below for us to contact you. Your email will not be shared onwards. Alternatively, if you have any other comments / queries, please detail these below/ enclose comments with the survey.

\*\*\* Please return this survey to either 1)  
[generalenquiries@sandhutton-claxtonvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:generalenquiries@sandhutton-claxtonvillagehall.org.uk) or  
2) Sand Hutton Village Hall post box or the collection box  
in Claxton's telephone box by Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**24 Feb 2024: Saturday Social – Climate Focus (10:00am)**

Location: Sand Hutton & Claxton Village Hall

*We intend to have different tables sharing information on various climate-action topics (e.g. household energy conservation measures, understanding energy performance certificates, NYC initiatives, recycling, feedback from our survey, etc). More details to follow.*

## USEFUL INFORMATION

### Government Guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/climate-change>

### IPCC (The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change)

<https://www.ipcc.ch>

### North Yorkshire Council Climate Change Newsletter

[climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk)

### UK Business Climate Hub <https://businessclimatehub.uk>

Collaboration between government and business – UK partner of the SME Climate Hub, the global initiative which empowers SMEs to take climate action.

### Citizens Advice – June 2023

*“increasing the energy efficiency of homes would save those in the least efficient properties over £950 per year”*

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/Global/CitizensAdvice/Energy/Insulation%20Nation.pdf>

### Energy Performance Certificate Guidance

<https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/your-home/energy-efficiency/energy-performance-regulations/>

### Example of a Community Sustainability Project

Monk Fryston & Hillam

[www.mfhcc.com/sustainability-project/latest-news](http://www.mfhcc.com/sustainability-project/latest-news)

# Community Climate Action Group (CCAG)

## Sand Hutton & Surrounding Villages

- **What is CCAG?** A group of residents who are keen to help the local community do what they can to help tackle climate change. Core to this is helping people understand the steps they can take to improve the energy efficiency of their own property and the cost benefits they could potentially realise.
- **Background:** CCAG was formed after a community meeting was held in Sand Hutton & Claxton village hall (26 April 2023) to discuss climate change, focusing on household energy conservation measures and how our villages could reduce our communities' carbon emissions and contribute to the climate emergency facing us all.
- **Climate Journey:** We are now reaching out to the community with the aim of pulling together – residents, businesses, farms, schools, churches, community buildings and groups – to understand what we can all do, individually and as a collective, to make a difference. Everyone has a chance to play their part and we are keen to help play a coordinating / educational / supporting role to achieve this.
- **Get in Touch:** We are already in contact with many of these groups and the great news is that there is a growing momentum of sustainability, with initiatives and measures already in place. Equally, there is so much more we can do... if you are keen to get involved, we would like to hear from you.

Thank you for reading / completing the enclosed survey.

**The Community Climate Action Group Committee**  
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