

Slaley & Healey residents concerned about Climate Change,

Thank you for attending the working lunch on Sunday January 26th at Slaley Commemoration Hall. We had a wide-ranging discussion covering concerns about climate change, ways of finding alternatives to plastic in our everyday life (e.g. tea bags) and several other topics presently causing concern were tabled. Originally Stella suggested Sunday 9th at 12 noon, this date and time has proved unsatisfactory for many people. After looking at the Hall diary we have decided upon Sunday February 16th at 6 p.m. for our meeting.

To take some of the ideas forward we need a name. For the purpose of this letter Stella, Debra and I decided upon 'Slaley & Healey Environmental Group'. We will also need a constitution and a direction.

To apply for grants we will need officials and a bank account - a Chairman is also good at keeping momentum and enthusiasm in meetings, whilst stopping suggestions getting bogged down with inconsequential ramblings.

However, please do not feel that you have to volunteer as an official - if need be Stella, Debra and I can keep the group going in the short term - we are all three involved with the subject at Slaley Parish Council and Slaley Commemoration Hall level whilst I also add Healey PC to that list.

We need a Quick Win to prove to the sceptics out there that there are things we can do. We all have different interests and these need to be channelled and put to good use, to benefit the environmental problems we find ourselves facing. As you listen to the news and read articles about other communities and what they are doing to help the environment please take notes and bring those ideas to the meeting - there may be something we can adopt or adapt! Obviously, there is a small charge for the hire of the hall so could I ask if you could make a token payment of £1 when we meet on the 16th? Any surplus will go towards future spending.

Although this invitation is addressed to you please feel free to bring along anyone who is interested and would like to hear what we are about.

Stella, Debra and I look forward to our next discussion with you on Sunday February 16th at 6 p.m.

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