

CLIMB (Matlock Bath climate and ecological emergency group)

CLIMB Matlock Bath is now a **Friends of the Earth Climate Action Group** and a member of **Derbyshire Climate Coalition**. A few months ago Pete Astles from **Paddle Peak** delivered a slide show to CLIMB members demonstrating work being carried out by a team of heroes to help clear plastics and other debris out of the river Derwent. Afterwards members chatted about plastics floating down the river to the sea where it has the potential to enter the food chain. Could CLIMB try to involve fish and chip shop owners in Matlock Bath to raise awareness about **plastic in the river, the sea and in the fish we might eat**? A Matlock Bath fish and chip shop owner has now kindly agreed to help raise awareness by displaying posters made by local children in his two shops. CLIMB members will work with children, and **the children will make posters** to go in the chip shops. **Which is the mystery chippie?** Wait and see! We are hoping that from this idea other communities will begin taking similar actions. Can readers help float this idea up and down the river?!

HERE IS ANOTHER IDEA from a member. Will you try it?:

'Power down Wednesdays' began last Wednesday in Derbyshire when a woman living in Crich unplugged all of her appliances, turned her hot water and heating right down and left her car at home for the day. This Wednesday a woman in Matlock has decided not to cook for the day in order to cut her carbon emissions. 'Power down Wednesdays' has the potential to grow and grow, saving lots of energy. People might decide to work from home, hold meetings by Skype, walk children to school, wear more layers, avoid buying plastic, use bikes, buses and trains, change to renewable energy companies, eat plant based food, change investments, change to low energy light-bulbs. New-found joyful activities might spill over into other days. Would readers please try beginning climate conversations by asking people if they know about **'Power down Wednesdays'**?

CLIMB WAS FORMED after the United Nations IPCC and IPBES reports came out (links on Parish Council website) and has been meeting monthly. Soon you will be able to look at our website but until then email your questions to the Parish Council Climate Advisory Group, which we also have places on, at climateadvisorygroup@matlockbathparishcouncil.gov.uk and it will get to us.

NEXT CLIMB MEETING DATES – New members are welcome. Meetings have been with kind support of the **Restoration Cafe** at **The Grand Pavilion** 7.15-9pm alternately on Wednesday and Thursday nights. Due to the Coronavirus 19 guidance these will need to be online until further notice, once we have set up a means (probably Zoom). Soon there will be a **CLIMB** website.

Thursday 9th April

Wednesday 6th May

Thursday 4th June

Wednesday 1st July

Thursday 30th July

TELL THE GOVERNMENT - WE'RE PULLING TOGETHER ABOUT THE CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY – LET'S PULL TOGETHER ABOUT THE CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY TOO!

Chrissy Grocott and Kate Gard Cooke for CLIMB

