

## **What is REAP and what do we stand for?**

The Roundhay Environmental Action Project was set up in 2007 by a group of local residents to promote positive local action on climate change and the environment, to build community and to make our area a more sustainable place in which to live.

### **Our aims are to:**

1. Increase local awareness and understanding of the actions that must be taken to combat the Climate Emergency
2. Reduce local carbon emissions
3. Help people to move towards using renewable resources and creating less waste
4. Protect our local natural environment and increase biodiversity
5. Help build a sense of a community

### **We do this in the following ways:**

- Having specific projects to work on e.g tree planting
- Organising events and disseminating information
- Working with schools
- Doing research and creating information resources
- Joint working and networking to share ideas and practice and deliver projects with the local authority and other organisations
- Influencing local and national policy and decision making (politicians, local government officials and businesses)
- Joining local and national campaigns

## **What have we already done and what are our plans for the future? (July 2021)**

1. Increase local awareness and understanding of the actions that must be taken to combat the Climate Emergency

### Past and ongoing

- Regular information/contact stall at Farmers Market
- Monthly members updates via an E-bulletin
- Regular social media posts
- Films and public events
- REAP stalls at local events and festivals
- Work with Roundhay School to deliver input into lessons on environmental issues
- Providing books on environmental issues for primary schools
- Launching Roundhay Climate Emergency - Individual pledges and action plans
- Web site

- Organising election hustings to question candidates about green issues
- Contribution to WY mayoral manifestos
- Meetings with our MP Fabian Hamilton and local councillors

#### Plans for 2021/2

- REAP displays and conversations on Garden Trail (July 2021)
- Information and events around COP 26 (Autumn 2021)
- Membership drive (Summer/Autumn 2021)
- Membership survey (Summer 2021)
- Working with Roundhay School to raise awareness, engage participation and find out how REAP can help address their climate concerns (Autumn 2021)

## **2. Reduce local carbon emissions**

#### Past and ongoing

- Contribution to Leeds Transport Strategy
- GALBA campaign (Group for Action on Leeds Bradford Airport)
- Research into green kit for home heating

#### Plans for 2021/2

- Update public transport, walking and cycling maps
- School streets project with Roundhay School (possibly 2022)
- Participation in Clean Air Alliance
- Tree protection and planting
- Home energy saving event with Richard Spencer and subsequent working group

## **3. Help people to move towards using renewable resources and creating less waste**

#### Past and ongoing

- Green Fair
- Plastics - Market theme and Campaign documents Feb 2018
- Working with schools to encourage gardening and growing food
- Advice and information about growing and garden composting
- Gardening Guides
- Edible bed
- Open Gardens
- Lobbying Tesco's re packaging
- Lobbying and part paying for a water refill point at Oakwood clock

#### Plans for 2021/2

- Sponsorship of Tracy Foster's Hampton Court Garden – theme of plastic reduction
- Programme of activities encouraging plastic and waste reduction and recycling

## 4. Protect our local natural environment and increase biodiversity

### Past and ongoing

- Open gardens to share ideas as to what and how to grow things
- Banana bed as an example of creating a wild flower meadow
- Front gardens campaign (biodiversity, air quality, run off and flood prevention)
- Facebooks posts – hedgehogs, birds, bees
- Tree planting and protection (See also aim 2)
- Lobbying Tesco about tree felling

### Plans for 2021/2

- Campaign to protect trees threatened by felling
- Tree planting activities (See also Aim 2)
- “Adopt a verge” project to enable residents to develop wild flower verges

## 5. To help build a sense of a community

All the above projects and plans have made REAP into a well-known local group and have helped people meet up, work together and develop new links and partnerships. If you are reading this and are not a member, do please join us!

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