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| **Worship and Teaching** | | | |
| **Action / Goal** | **Progress** | **Person (s) Involved** | **Date Achieved** |
| Barrow school and Junior Church involved in worship and ‘Count on Nature’ survey in Big Green week  2023 | Service with Barrow School on 11/06/23 led by DtC Green Apostle | DtC /FRi/WH | 11/06/23 |
| Harvest service  2023 | Winners of both adult and children’s sunflower growing competition presented Fairtrade prizes during Harvest service.  Winners with photos to be announced in November/ December Courier. | IL  JH | 24/09/23  15/10/23 |
| Invite a speaker from A Rocha and/ or the Co-op Fairtrade champion. | **Sue Barker** (**Member Pioneer for Co-op Lancashire)** who used to sit on Fairtrade committee for Clitheroe), has advised that she could do 15 mins at a Sunday service on Fairtrade projects abroad, community ventures locally, or co-op ‘cooperate’ website where people can post community activities, after August.  Wendy liaised with elders and pulpit supply secretary for Sue Barker (co-op Fairtrade champion) to take part in a Sunday service when we have one of our own preachers. Idea discussed for Sue to take part in service when Linda Leadbeater is preaching on 15/10/23 who is involved with Fairtrade.  Wendy contacted Sue Barker in October and she advised she would prefer to leave taking part in service until after Christmas.  Wendy shared links for co-op cooperate websites with Eco church group. See below.  <https://co-operate.coop.co.uk/>  And for the Co-op itself in relation to the Member Pioneers and Community projects  [How Co-op is supporting local communities | It's what we do - Co-op (coop.co.uk)](https://www.coop.co.uk/communities)  And for Fairtrade and sustainability  [Sustainability and Future of Food - Co-op (coop.co.uk)](https://www.coop.co.uk/sustainability)  Discussed at Eco Church group meeting on 16/10/23 and agreed plan to invite Sue Barker in Spring 2024 to talk about her co-op pioneer role possibly in February when Fairtrade fortnight would usually be.  All Eco Group reviewed websites shared by Wendy and share ideas by email with group so that Wendy can advise Sue of preferred focus of talk, when she visits in spring 2024.  <https://www.coop.co.uk/member-pioneers>  Wendy liaised with Sue Barker and pulpit supply secretary and Sue invited to service on Sunday 4th February to talk about co-op member pioneer role and local community projects when Rev Pamela Ward is preaching.  Sue Barker (Member Pioneer Co-Ordinator for Co-Op for Lancashire) gave talk during Sunday worship on ways the Co-Op supports the community both locally and nationally including information about websites and shared the need for a Lancashire representative on the Co-Op National Council as this role is currently vacant. <https://www.co-operative.coop/get-involved/councilelection>  This information was also shared in weekly notices in February and March /April Courier.  **A Rocha UK** require 3 months' notice and would need expenses for taking Sunday service.  Discussed at Eco Church Group October meeting and agreed more likely for A Rocha to want to take whole service or to lead a separate event.  All group to look at form and website to consider possible topics and discuss via email to support completion of form in 2024. See website link below.  [Speaker programme - A Rocha UK](https://arocha.org.uk/speaker-programme/)  Discussed at January Eco Church meeting with Fiona and agreed to share details of A Rocha with Ribble Valley CAN to consider possibility of them taking part in next Climate Summit and/or having A Rocha stand in world café area.  Wendy emailed details to be shared at next Ribble Valley CAN meeting on 11/01/24. (See community and global engagement section for future updates). | EC/WH  Elders  WH  WH  Eco Church group  Eco Church group  WH  WH / SB  IL / MF / JH  Eco Church group  Eco Church group  Eco Church group  FRi/ WH | 26/07/23  August 23  02/10/23  23/08/23  16/10/23  03/11/23  04/02/24  11/02/24  16/10/23  08/01/24  08/01/24  11/01/24 |
| Church Action on Poverty Service  11/02/24 | Daleen ten Cate led worship on 11/02 around theme of action on poverty and a church with people at the margins and importance of dignity, agency and power to overcome poverty. | DtC | 11/02/24 |
| Tree planting talk for carbon offset during St Patrick’s day service.  17/03/24 | **Talk about plans for carbon offset and tree planting plans** given during service by Wendy and Izzy on 17/03/24 when Fiona led service, (see carbon offset section also). Theme of ‘Christian’s don’t leave nature behind’. | IL/WH | 17/03/24 |
| Plan for Christian Aid Week 2024  12-18 May 2024. | **Discussed at January Eco Church Group meeting. Theme is yet to be announced.**  **All will review website and will see how we can link theme to Eco Church activity / ideas to promote Christian Aid week.**  Theme on website - Christian Aid Week will focus on Action on Poverty pushing back against the inhumanity of poverty and the impact of climate crisis on farming and poverty. Christian Aid website tells Aline’s story from Burundi who set up her own business selling peanuts and avocados and set up a village savings and loans association to help others. There are other materials on the website including PowerPoint and a short film about Alina.  Jean to ask Geoff if able to grow peas again at front of church to raise awareness about pigeon peas.  Discussed growing peas at elders meeting. Agreed good idea.  General Assembly Moderator Rev Dr Tessa Henry-Robinson is taking service on 12/05.  Discussed at elders meeting on 25/03/24.  Elizabeth Campbell will contact moderator’s secretary to see if she is planning on including Christian Aid theme in service on 12/05. Barrow school will also be attending that Sunday.  Service on following Sunday on 19/05 is led by Rev Rob Hoch so Elizabeth will ask Rob to include Christian Aid theme in his service on 19/05 if not focus of service on 12/05.  **For information Trinity coffee stop on 25/05 is in aid of Christian Aid.** | Eco Church Group  Eco Church Group  JH/GH  Elders  Elders  EC  EC | 08/01/24  25/03/24  25/03/24 |
| AV system to be used for worship (e.g. for hymns not in book) | Gilbert used AV system for hymns during worship on Easter Sunday and suggested at elders meeting that the projection of hymns was more ecofriendly, particularly those not in the hymn book where they would otherwise have to be printed out on paper.  Elders agreed to look into software for hymns so that they can be easily digitally sourced and ready to use when needed. | GE  Elders | 25/03/24 |
| Fairtrade fortnight service  September 09-22 2024 | **Fairtrade Fortnight 2024 moving to September. Monday 9 September – Sunday 22 September 2024.** Throughout 2024, there will be lots of opportunities to get involved with activities. <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/>  Advised pulpit supply secretary of changed date for Fairtrade fortnight in 2024 to organise preacher. This Fairtrade service date for 2024 may link in with harvest service.  Check who if anyone is booked to preach on 15/09/24 and 22/09/24 during Fairtrade Fortnight 2024.  Discussed with elders. As there is a Joint Missional Partnership service on Sunday 22nd September at Great Harwood, our Fairtrade Service will be on Sunday 15th September at Clitheroe URC. Wendy may not be available on that date to contribute or help out due to being away.  Preacher to be booked on 15th September who will be able to make Fairtrade a focus on that day. Confirmed that Gordon McMillan preaching on 15/09/24.  Information on Fairtrade shared with Gordon.  Support required from Eco Church group to work with and assist Gordon regarding Fairtrade service on 15/09/24.  All group to review Fairtrade resources for ideas for readings, films etc for Lesley to present in service.  Lesley to liaise with Gordon McMillan to plan and assist with service on 15/09/24.  Jean and Izzy are happy to support Lesley/Gordon. | EC/WH  WH  Elders  EC    WH  Eco Church group  Eco church Group  LC  JH / IL | 06/09/23  13/11/23  13/11/23  08/01/24  19/03/24 |
| **Buildings** | | | |
| **Action / Goal** | **Progress** | **Person (s) Involved** | **Date Achieved** |
| Research alternative heating source | Izzy emailed Rose Gosling for contact details of person she advised might be helpful locally who had already completed much research into pros and cons of possible heating solutions.  Heating options appraisal plan shared by Rose from St Mary’s Embsay with Eastby and CofE guidance from website on different heating options.  Mike Aspinall contacted by email for information on heat recuperations.  MA replied advising not aware of churches who have used heat recuperators but will contact if receives any information / reviews and advise of any feedback from people who have had installed that he knew in previous role as building services consultant.  Information discussed at project group meeting on 18/09/23. Currently replacing audio system to improve inclusion is agreed to be priority. | IL  IL  IL | 11/08/23  12/08/23  21/08/23  09/09/23  18/09/23 |
| Set carbon offset target for 2023/24 | Discussed at Eco church Group meeting. From carbon footprint calculations earlier in year it was estimated church needs to offset 27 tons of carbon.  **Approximately 10% target carbon offset per year set as target towards net zero**.  Net zero target should be reached by 2033 if not sooner if carbon footprint reduced. (Offset will include trees planted at Barrow school, and other activity recorded on evidence document for Gold award in 2023). Updated information evidenced 135 trees would need to be planted each year for 10 years to offset carbon footprint in 10 years. (See below).  Wendy / Fiona / Jean to discuss target and idea of visual target to be displayed with elders | Eco Church group  Eco Church Group  WH JH FRi  Elders | 16/10/23  08/01/24  21/02/24 |
| Evidence sources and details of carbon offset for 2023/24 | More information is needed on how to calculate offset. All to review resources to consider how this could be calculated to set a meaningful target to offset carbon from footfall.  Attended webinar on carbon offset. Previous Recording of this session can be watched here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QbXYnqGUmzo>  Information and recording from this session shared by email with Eco Church group.  Discussed installation of solar panels / battery storage and that project group are aware and considering a range of ideas and applications for grants. Any ideas to be shared with project group for consideration.  Discussed tree planting in small area of land owned by IL and if this could contribute to carbon offset along with trees planted from Ecosia search etc.  Discussed simple measures to reduce energy use which will reduce carbon footprint and amount to offset. Ensure radiators on balcony are on to heat church space and prevent heat below being drawn up. Ensure door at top of stairs shut to prevent heat loss in church.  Needed estimate of carbon offset from planting a tree to help more accurate calculate offset. Wendy contacted an organic farmer and Nuffield scholar in agriculture. They advised it ranges from 15 - 80 trees to offset 1t CO2 on average per year from sapling to mature tree. Therefore, we would need to plant 15 ×27 - 80x 27 trees.  They advised 50 X 27, which is **1350 trees** which would be about just over a 0.5 hectare.  Carbon offset plan discussed at elders meeting.   1. **We need to establish how many trees we have planted on behalf of church. This will include: -**  * 50 trees planted at Barrow school. * Trees planted by members of congregation, who are happy to include as church carbon offsets. * Trees planted as result of Ecosia searches by members of congregation, who are happy to include as church carbon offsets.   Daleen confirmed Barrow School trees should be included in Clitheroe URC target.   1. **Set a target of how many trees we could realistically plant each year to move towards carbon zero by a certain date**. For example, 270 trees each year for 10 years if estimate is we need to offset 27 tonnes of carbon and each tree absorbs 10kg of CO2. (How long tree lasts and absorbs carbon varies on species, e.g dead trees would need to be replaced in future, but carbon footprint will reduce also in future, see 6).   **NB updated information evidenced 135 trees would need to be planted each year for 10 years to offset carbon footprint. (See below)**   1. **Share target with congregation and ask for donations towards this, e.g buy a tree scheme.** 2. **This target could then be met by: -**  * Trees planted by members of congregation, who are happy to include as church carbon offsets. * Trees planted as result of Ecosia searches by members of congregation, who are happy to include as church carbon offsets. * Donated saplings from congregation to be planted on land belonging to Izzy (number to be clarified). * Congregation could donate or sponsor tree to be planted by woodland trust or national trust or other organisation on behalf of church. * Use Eco church donations coffee money to use to sponsor trees to be planted by woodland trust.  1. **Update congregation on progress with reaching carbon zero target each year**. 2. **Reduce carbon footprint in future by replacing boiler. See Building section.**   Net zero target should be reached by 2033 if not sooner if carbon footprint reduced. (Offset will include trees planted at Barrow school, and other activity recorded on evidence document for Gold award in 2023). | Eco Church group  IL  IL  Eco Church Group  Eco Church Group  GH / Elders  WH  Elders  DtC  Eco Church Group  IL / WH  All  All  All | 26/09/23  09/10/23  16/10/23  16/10/23  16/10/23  14/11/23  07/11/23  11/01/24  08/01/24  17/03/24  Ongoing  Ongoing  Target date June 2033 |
| Update congregation on progress with reaching carbon zero target each year | **Talk about plans for carbon offset and tree planting plans**  Carbon offset discussed and agreed **Talk about plans for carbon offset and tree planting plans t**o be given during service by Wendy and Izzy on 17/03/24 when Fiona is preaching (see worship /teaching section also) Theme of ‘Christian’s don’t leave nature behind’  This talk will include information on carbon footprint and different ways listed above that can be used to offset this each year.  **Visual representation of reaching net zero**  Agreed it would be good to have a visual representation of reaching net zero in 10 years displayed in common room area, hopefully ready for service on 17/03/24. Discussed idea of trees to be coloured in, or branches or leaves etc.    Tree painted by Frankie for common room, and leaves to be coloured in, for placing on tree presented at service on 17/03/24 and will be displayed in common room.  Leaves to be coloured in for each tree planted and write details of name and how tree planted e.g Barrow School, Ecosia, National Trust, etc  Geoff to colour 50 leaves for Barrow School.  List of trees planted to go on Eco Church notice board  Tree list on notice board to be updated by Eco Church group to ensure capture all trees planted.  Article written for Eco newsletter.  Tree planting guidance discussed at elders meeting to raise awareness.  Post on Facebook added about talk/service on 17/03/24 regarding tree planting /carbon offset.  Izzy has written article for Courier about tree planting so anyone not at service is aware of plan of planting for the future to offset carbon footprint of Clitheroe URC . This will include more detailed guidance on what type of trees / actions can contribute towards offset. | IL / WH  Eco Church group  WH/ IL/ Fri/ FRu  All  GH  IL/WH/FR  Eco Church Group  IL  Elders  JH /WH  IL | 17/03/24  08/01/24  17/03/24  Ongoing  24/03/24  Ongoing  20/03/24  March 24  24/03/24  05/04/24 |
| To consider changing energy provider when due for renewal. | Discussed at elders meeting to change supplier for electric and gas to one that can assure close to 100% renewables. SSE considered but advised new tariffs would be 150% cost increase. Website also advised that SSE were being taken over by Ovo energy so there was concern that they may change tariff, in near future. However, it was thought SSE business customers will remain with SSE not Ovo. Prior to changing to SSE 100% renewable tariff, elders researched Octopus energy for comparison. It was agreed by elders to change to the new SSE tariff in early October. Unfortunately, when elders applied to switch to it, Gaia advised that due to current conflict in Middle East SSE could not guarantee supply price quoted.  Update from elders meeting  SSE came back with their original offer, and 100% renewable (versus 46% renewable which we currently have with them), and as not really different from what the figure for Octopus 100% renewable would have likely been, we decided to stay with who we know and the current benefit of the Gaia energy brokers with their bulk buying power for this, as recommended by the URC in the past. This will be a two-year contract Jan 2024 to Jan 2026. Quotes will come out in October 2025 with short notice for response again so we need to be ready to look at options earlier than that so that we can respond quickly for next time. It is estimated that our electricity costs will increase by approx. 80% and gas costs by approx. 150% due to the energy crisis.  Currently church is waiting for further information and is currently with SSE on same tariff.  To be reviewed by elders when appropriate in 2025. | Elders  Elders | October 2023  13/11/23 |
| Repeat carbon footprint  2025 | Discussed how expenditure from alterations to building had significantly impacted on carbon footprint along with energy use.  Agreed to review and consider repeating carbon footprint in 2025 if expenditure reduced and/or boiler replaced. | Eco Church group  Eco Church Group | 18/03/24 |
| Recycling box for batteries available in church. | Box placed in church and IL/WH agreed to take to recycling point. | IL/WH | 11/06/23 |
| Consider rechargeable batteries in microphone | Considered buying charger and spare sets of rechargeable batteries.  However as new audiovisual system is being considered it was agreed to postpone until this has been purchased as different batteries or power may be required for new system.  Discussed issues such as energy for charging rechargeable batteries vs using ordinary batteries for typical use, and life of batteries to be considered etc.  Wendy to research pros and cons of replacing or recharging batteries for AV system in terms of environmental damage and discuss with elders. Elders felt that rechargeable batteries for microphones were not likely to last as long (as advised by person who installed AV system) and may cause problems during services. Also agreed may be ;problems ensuring charged and the electricity used to do this may be worse.  Agreed to use standard non rechargeable batteries but to ensure properly recycled by putting in recycling box at church. | Eco Church group /  Elders  Eco Church Group  WH  Elders | Aug 2023  16/10/23  18/03/24  25/03/24 |
| Recycling centre to be set up in common room | Recycling centre to be set up for batteries, used medication blister packs, in common room if plan agreed with elders. Positioning to be confirmed.  Boxes supplied by Mary  Recycling centre plan discussed with elders.  Blister packs will be collected and taken on Sundays by Geoff  Update 14/04 Rose and Crown inundated with blister packs so collecting there and in church currently on hold until further notice (when Rose & Crown resumes or alternative recycling point Article required by 21/04/24)  Article in May/June Courier written explaining about blister packs and battery recycling. | Eco Church Group  MH  Elders  GH  IL | 18/03/24  18/03/24  25/03/25  On hold see note  05/04/24 |
| **Land** | | | |
| **Action / Goal** | **Progress** | **Person (s) Involved** | **Date Achieved** |
| Source and install bin lid for water source for insects | Completed | WH | June 2023 |
| To complete ‘Count on Nature’ survey | Count on Nature by Barrow School and Junior Church on 11/06/23 and WH during May 2023 and submitted by WH. | Fru / WH | 11/06/23 |
| Participate in Target 25 and use of irecord to monitor biodiversity on Clitheroe URC land. | Watched Target 25 workshop recording as unable to attend.  Recording link of Target 25 workshop shared for Eco Church to watch and other resources related to Target 25. Target 25 online briefing for Gold Awarded Churches:- <https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/qTZaDFm-tGWR0eZN4n1DEdweCHQ022toO3jawfFishPtwlHlVClUmzSUB9MQAkJh.kPwohV04TmBzU-5C>  Target 25 Habitats, Groups and Species on website:-  <https://arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/target-25/>  All group to read Target 25 resources and/or watch video to discuss relevant species and habitat/ group to monitor. (See links above).  Contacted A Rocha UK to advise of difficulty registering church location on iRecord and seek advice regarding this for participation in Target 25 and general recording of biodiversity on Clitheroe URC land using iRecord. No response received from A Rocha.  Link to irecord website [irecord](https://irecord.org.uk/) and short videos available from their website: - <https://irecord.org.uk/irecord-video-guides#short>  Izzy and Wendy registered on iRecord and church site added “Clitheroe United Reformed Church” ready as site on iRecord if decide to use.  Laminated chart and wipe off pen placed by north porch steps to record wildlife on land. Record what seen and date seen and take photo if possible.  Discussed at Eco Church group meeting on 16/10. Agreed to continue with wipeboard recording in preference to iRecord and / or Target 25. This was due to a) no feedback had been received from A Rocha regarding target 25, b) iRecord was not that user friendly for congregation, c) unlikely due to size and position of wildlife space to have species from target 25 visiting.  Agreed any significant sightings could be added to iRecord annually. | IL / WH  IL  Eco Church group  IL  WH / IL  WH  Eco Church Group | July 2023  02/08/23  14/08/23  26/08/23  24/08/23  16/10/23 |
| To organise celebration event in main hall with doors open to wildlife garden. | To link in with project group to arrange taking down jigsaws on hall walls and painting of main hall in readiness for celebration event. Discussed at project group meeting.  IL joined project group. Project group meeting - Focus of action of project group on audio system to improve inclusion currently and housekeeping jobs to maintain kitchen and plan to research heating options for future.  Eco Church Group members volunteer at October Eco Church Group meeting to remove jigsaws from walls in hall on 20/11.  Izzy emailed Fiona and elders regarding plan to tidy walls on November 20th so ready for decorating.  Announcement in notices for further volunteers to join Jean Geoff Wendy Lesley Mary and Izzy on 20/11 @ 3.30pm.  Volunteers tidied walls to prepare for decorating in main hall.  Decorating of hall to be discussed at project group meeting as this is dependent on plan and use of hall which may require removal of pillars and acoustics to increase functionality of hall.  Discussed at elders meeting when audiovisual equipment and kitchen work highlighted as priority.  Elders discussed if quotes for decorating hall can be sought. This is to be taken to next project group meeting, but it was noted that there are currently very limited funds available.  Possibility of gaining quotes for decorating to be discussed by project group when next meet / or when funds available.  Date to be set for celebration event during 2024. | MF / IL  Project group  GH JH WH LC & IL  IL  IL / MF  GH JH WH LC MF & IL  Project group / Elders  Elders  Elders  Project Group | 18/09/23  16/10/23  18/10/23  Nov 23  20/11/23  21/02/24  25/03/24 |
| Garden maintenance | Intrusive weeds to be pulled up when anyone is in church and has time to check garden.  Birds enjoy feeding on bird seed through winter. Birdseed to be supplied by Lesley as she has surplus supply.  Bird feeders to be topped up regularly through winter.  New bird feeding centre put in place in wildlife garden, by Wendy Robin and Andrew, which will make topping up feeders easier.  Plastic scoop to top up feeders supplied by Wendy.  Request put in March /April courier for donations of bird and bee friendly plants and/or small tree for planting in wildlife area.  Sunflower seeds planted in pots in wildlife garden.  Blackcurrant bush donated by Jean/ Geoff planted in wildlife garden. | Eco Church group  LC  Eco Church Group  WH  WH  IL / JH  WH  JH | Ongoing / Routine  Oct 23  Ongoing  07/04/24  07/04/24  Mar/Apr  07/04/24  14/04/24 |
| **Community and Global** | | | |
| **Action / Goal** | **Progress** | **Person (s) Involved** | **Date Achieved** |
| Climate and Nature Summit at Trinity Hub | Eco Church members involved in organisation of summit, attending summit and supporting Eco Church stall  Summary of Climate summit information shared with Eco Church Group by email.  WH emailed FR for action plan. FR advised analysis and feedback is available on Ribble Valley Climate Action Network (RV CAN) website. See link below.  <https://rhombus-turbot-pdnm.squarespace.com/>  Discussed at January Eco Church meeting with Fiona and agreed to share details of A Rocha with Ribble Valley CAN to consider possibility of them taking part in next Climate Summit and/or having A Rocha stand in world café area.  Wendy emailed details to be shared at next Ribble Valley CAN meeting on 11/01/24. (See community and global engagement section for future updates).  Ribble Valley CAN 3 year plan will be discussed at meeting on 11/01/24. | FRi / IL  IL  FRi/WH  Eco Church group  FRi / WH  FRi | 01/07/23  17/10/23  18/10/23  08/01/24  11/01/24  11/01/24 |
| Provide support to other churches seeking Eco Church Award | Meeting with **Trinity Methodist Church** to share information.  Support and advice provided to Trinity whilst on EcoChurch stall at Climate Summit and emails sent to support Trinity.  Izzy met with Carol Baird, Archie Wymark and Helen Durrant to provide advice on process of collating evidence.  Further support offered to Helen Durant at Trinity by Izzy by email regarding evidence.  Emails and phone calls with Carol Baird and Archie Wymark to support application for Gold  Information and support offered to **Jim Hollyman at Bolton URC** regarding calculating carbon footprint.  Responded to email about installation of water butt following query from A Rocha UK Gold Awarded Eco Churches Forum regarding **church in London.**  Emails sent to **Garstang URC.**  Meeting to be scheduled for autumn 2023 to support Garstang URC’s application for Gold. Izzy emailed Mike at Garstang URC to offer further support.  Izzy attended meeting with Daleen at Garstang URC on 09/01/24.  Izzy had phone call with Mike Hart to support him preparing information for Gold Award following initial submission of survey, in preparation for potential review visit. | FRi/ IL/WH  IL  IL  IL  WH/ IL  WH  IL  IL  IL  IL / DtC  IL | 27/06/23  01/07/23  03/10/23  14/11/23  April 24  03/08/23  10/08/23  12/07/23  08/11/23  09/01/24  10/04/24 |
| Publicise Gold Award | **Courier**  Article shared to be published in “Courier”.  Published in July / August edition Courier.  **Clitheroe Advertiser / Burnley Express**  Article drafted and subsequently published by Clitheroe Advertiser / Burnley Express online and in paper copy on 13/0723.  Link to online article  [https://www.burnleyexpress.net/news/environment/](https://www.burnleyexpress.net/news/environment/clitheroe-church-wins-gold-award-4208494)  [clitheroe-church-wins-gold-award-4208494](https://www.burnleyexpress.net/news/environment/clitheroe-church-wins-gold-award-4208494)  **Clitheroe URC Website**  Article drafted for Facebook post and Clitheroe URC Website**.**  Full article and other Eco Church information e.g action plan and evidence document uploaded by John Flanagan on new website being developed.  Here’s the new **Clitheroe URC website Eco Church page.** [**https://clitheroeurc.org.uk/eco-church-section/eco-church.html**](https://clitheroeurc.org.uk/eco-church-section/eco-church.html)  Confirmed at January meeting that new Clitheroe URC website is live and Jean and Robin have access to edit website. [**https://www.clitheroeurc.org.uk/**](https://www.clitheroeurc.org.uk/)  **Facebook**  John Flanagan added announcement about award on current **Facebook** page.  Agreed at elders meeting for Jean to be main contact for Facebook with Wendy Frankie and Kelly as deputies.  Wendy contacted John Flanagan to advise of people agreed to manage Facebook (Jean Wendy Frankie and Kelly).  **National URC news**  Article drafted for URC Comms / News.  Green Apostle enquired about publication in URC news & advised available on website.  <https://urc.org.uk/celebrations-all-round-as-local-congregation-and-synod-gain-eco-awards/>  **Eco newsletter**.  Article published in Eco newsletter.  Clitheroe URC top of “Green wall of fame” published in Eco newsletter.  **NWSynod newsletter**  Article drafted for NW Synod newsletter newsletter.  Link to podcast published in NW Synod newsletter.  Article published in NWSynod newsletter.  **A Rocha UK Eco Church publications**  Article / Story shared with A Rocha UK Eco Church.  Award announced in summer edition of Eco Church connect.  NW Synod Podcast link added to Eco Church UK stories webpage here:  <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/clitheroe-urc-gold-award/>  Link to podcast circulated in ‘Connect’ (Eco Church newsletter).  **Lancashire Telegraph**  Article drafted and subsequently published by Lancashire Telegraph  Link to online article <https://www.lancashiretelegraph.co.uk/news/23633337.clitheroe-united-reformed-church-picks-eco-church-gold-award/>  **NW Synod Podcast**  Podcast recorded with Lawrence Moore at NW Synod office.  Link to podcast goes live <https://nwsynod.org.uk/2023/01/27/244879/>  Link to podcast published in NW Synod newsletter.  Podcast shared with Eco Church and DtC (green apostle).  Podcast added to Eco Church UK stories webpage (see above)  <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/clitheroe-urc-gold-award/>  **Reform**  Links made with Eco Church media officer Tamsin Morris (media officer A Rocha UK Eco Church) and information / photos shared for article to be published in Reform.  Follow up emails sent to Tamsin Morris and copied in DtC re article for Reform.  Daleen emailed Stephen at Reform and copies in Andy Jackson (communications).  Steve Tomkins contacted Izzy for date for zoom call to get update so can add article to next edition of Reform. Dates shared with Steve Tomkins by Izzy to meet on Zoom in October  Follow up email sent by Izzy to Steve Tomkins and out of office received.  Zoom call arranged for Steve Tomkins to interview Izzy for Reform article.  Draft article sent by Steve reviewed.  Reform article published in December/January edition  E**co Church Gold Award officially presented to Fiona at NW Synod meeting** in Lancaster by Daleen ten Cate (Green Apostle). | IL / JH  JH  FRi/IL/WH  FRi/IL/WH  IL/ JF  JH / RB  IL /JF  Elders  WH / JF  FRi/IL/WH  DtC  FRi/IL/WH  FRi/IL/WH  FRi/IL/WH  FRi/IL/WH  FRi/IL/WH  IL/WH  IL  IL  IL  DtC  IL  IL  IL  ST/ IL/ WH / FRi / JH  ST  FRi | 18/06/23  July 23  05/07/23  13/07/23  04/07/23  11/10/23  08/01/24  10/10/23  Oct 2023  11/10/23  04/07/23  14/07/23  18/06/23  23/10/23  04/07/23  04/08/23  21/09/23  05/07/23  21/07/23  28/10/23  05/12/23  07/07/23  28/07/23  02/08/23  04/08/23  07/08/23  28/10/23  13/07/23  19/09/23  02/09/23  16/10/23  23/10/23  02/11/23  09/11/23  01/12/23  October 2023 |
| Renew Clitheroe URC Fairtrade status. | Email received from Fairtrade to reset link to renew certificate. Certificates received and displayed in kitchen and church. | WH | 06/08/23 |
| Notice Board to share information about Eco Church group and other activities. | Comments from elders regarding notice board requested. Following discussion with elders notice board to be ordered for common room.  All are welcome sign, script agreed to be shared with sign writer so can be painted in common room.  All are welcome sign in place on beam, in common room as enter church.  Poster made for new noticeboard in church shared with Fiona by email.  Eco church group info including poster arranged on notice board by Fiona.  To be updated by Eco Church group as appropriate. | Elders  JH  IL  FRi  Eco group | 06/08/23  01/10/23  24/08/23  Nov 23  Ongoing |
| Publicise English classes on community websites. | Discussion took place at Eco Church group meeting regarding registering church on websites to advertise activities such as English classes to encourage participants.  Wendy/Jean to add information about English classes to co-operate website.  <https://co-operate.coop.co.uk/>  Geoff to check Clitheroe URC are members of Hyndburn and Ribble Valley CVS  Fiona to contact Michele for password for HRV CVS website so Clitheroe URC elders can access.  Wendy/Jean to add information about English classes to HRV CVS website and newsletter.  <https://hrvcvs.co.uk/> | Eco Church Group  JH / WH  GH  FR  JH / WH | 16/10/23 |
| Attend Big Green vision webinar | Wendy attended the Big Green Vision webinar on 20/11/23 exploring A Rocha UK Eco Church’s five-year vision and strategy.  Notes circulated by Wendy on email to group to discuss at January meeting.  Link to recording published in December connect newsletter. You can [watch the recording](https://arocha.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=69f4c1083320061706fe47874&id=ec92e71056&e=8aaa317ad0)[here](https://arocha.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=69f4c1083320061706fe47874&id=9da6d71d8d&e=8aaa317ad0) | WH  WH  Eco Church Group | 20/11/23  23/11/23 |
| Celebrate Clitheroe URC Eco Church development with other Lancashire URC churches at Missional partnership away day | Request to take ‘a table’ to celebrate what Clitheroe URC do well as a church for Missional Partnership away day, discussed at elders meeting. This is for afternoon session on 07/02/24.  Wendy will take photos to tell the story of Clitheroe Church’s journey towards receiving Eco Church gold award, along with examples of recycling and other eco possibilities in church and at home. Wendy will take our Gold Award Certificate, photos, evidence documents, photo of Eco Church notice board, laptop with survey and example of Ecotips in courier magazine. Wendy will also share our ideas on tree planting to contribute towards our carbon offset.  Information and pictures from away day to be included in March /April Courier magazine. | MH  WH  JH / IL / WH | 18/01/24  07/02/24  Mar / April |
| Attend ARocha UK Eco Church Gold Award Forums. | Izzy attended A Rocha UK Eco Church Gold Award Forum on 11/03/24.  Notes circulated to Eco Church group by email.  Feedback given at Eco Church meeting on 18/03/24 re changes to survey. Agreed not to take part in trial due to other commitments. Updated group on information shared by another church on solar panels. Members of project group were present IL & FR.  Information shared with Trinity Methodist church in Clitheroe about future planned changes to survey and other advice on request. | IL  IL  IL  IL/WH/FR | 11/03/24  14/03/24  18/03/24  19/03/24 |
| Publicise tree planting to offset Clitheroe URC carbon footprint | Article written for Eco newsletter to raise awareness of Clitheroe target and plan.  Post on Facebook added about talk/service on 17/03/24 regarding tree planting /carbon offset.  Izzy has written article for courier about tree planting so anyone not at service is aware of plan of planting for the future to offset carbon footprint of Clitheroe URC. This will include more detailed guidance on what type of trees / actions can contribute towards offset. | IL  JH/WH  IL | 20/03/24  24/03/24  05/04/24 |
| Generic email to be available on Clitheroe URC website | John Flanagan set up a dedicated email address for the Ecochurch group eco@clitheroeurc.org.uk which will be monitored by Izzy and Wendy.  Wendy to ask Robin to add [eco@clitheroeurc.org.uk](mailto:eco@clitheroeurc.org.uk) email address to website page. | JF  WH | 07/04/24 |
| **Lifestyle** | | | |
| **Action / Goal** | **Progress** | **Person (s) Involved** | **Date Achieved** |
| Eco tips to be shared with congregation in Courier. | Eco tips for relevant months from NW Synod Eco newsletter to be shared bimonthly throughout year. | IL / JH | Bimonthly throughout 2023 /24 |
| Congregation to be encouraged and informed regarding local recycling opportunities | Links to website and list of recycling places displayed on Eco Church notice board  Links to website and list of recycling places to be shared in Courier March / April courier  Geoff shared article in newspaper about Rotary recommencing collection of medication foil blister packs which can be dropped off for collection at entrance to Rose and Crown pub during opening times. Proceeds go to Myeloma UK.  *See also building section regarding recycling centre for common room being developed March 2024.* | IL  IL / JH  GH | 07/01/24  Mar / Apr  16/10/23 |
| Bread used for bacon butties | Margaret raised issue of processed food including bread that is harmful.  Margaret to explore non processed bread and costs for this.  Bread rolls used for bacon butties discussed at elders meeting. Elders are happy for Margaret to look into less processed bread rolls but were reluctant to increase the cost of a bacon butty as they felt it would deter our customers and we need to be able to make a profit for the church, so it would need to be almost the same price as the ones we get already. They took on board comments on processed food and felt that where possible any food provided should have ingredients checked to avoid this. We already have homemade soups. | MB  MB  Elders | 18/03/24 |
| Biscuits bought for coffee after Sunday worship | Discussed biscuits being supplied for church on Sunday and that it would be good to encourage Fairtrade biscuits to be on offer.  Wendy has checked about Fairtrade biscuits, and the Coop doesn't stock them. Suma Fairtrade wrapped biscuit bars or gluten free Fairtrade biscuits through The Shop of Hope are only 6 in a pack, so quite expensive per biscuit. We could let those who donate biscuits to consider Fairtrade or additive free/ organic biscuits if they can, but to bear in mind they may not wish or be able to pay over the average.  Margaret to explore non processed and Fairtrade biscuits that can be purchased. | Eco church group  WH  MB | 18/03/24  28/03/24 |
| **All Sections / Miscellaneous** | | | |
| **Action / Goal** | **Progress** | **Person (s) Involved** | **Date Achieved** |
| Regular item on elders meeting agenda | Elders added Eco Church group as standing agenda item for meetings | JH | Sep 2023 |
| Contribute to Draft NW Synod Eco Policy | Eco newsletter shared with Eco Church Group with article about the new Draft NW Synod Eco policy.  Discussed draft policy at meeting on 08/01/24.  Wendy emailed Daleen with questions in relation to carbon offset target in policy for net zero for NW Synod by 2030.  Izzy spoke to Daleen during visit to Garstang and found out that policy was being discussed at meeting on Friday (12/01/24) where questions raised regarding carbon footprint would be discussed. A number of ideas and changes are being developed to support churches with carbon offset. Clitheroe URC ideas re tree planting were shared and supported by Daleen  Daleen responded to email and discussion following Synod staff meeting and Eco Network meeting and reworked policy will be discussed at Synod meeting in March.  An open Eco network meeting is to be arranged by NW Synod to discuss the policy early in 2024. (Date to be decided.) Watch out for the advert in a future Synod and Eco newsletters.  Izzy to email Daleen for update regarding policy. | IL  Eco Church Group  WH  IL  DtC  Eco Church Group  IL | 07/11/23  08/01/24  08/01/24  12/01/24  15/01/24 |
| Ecochurch action plan to be added to church laptop | Ecochurch action plan to be added to church laptop in Eco Church folder.  All other information to be saved on usb drive so a copy is available of any documents for Clitheroe URC | IL  IL |  |
| Dates of meetings and action plan updates. | Meeting on 03/08/23 on zoom attended by WH IL JH & MF.  Action plan updated and circulated to Eco Church group.  Meeting on 16/10/23 at 10am @ Clitheroe URC attended by WH IL JH GH & LC  Action plan updated and circulated to Eco Church group.  Meeting on 08/01/24 at 10am @ Clitheroe URC attended by WH IL JH GH LC MB and FR.  Action plan updated and circulated to Eco Church group.  Action plan forwarded to Robin for updating on website.  Meeting on 18/03/24 at 10am @ Clitheroe URC attended by WH IL JH LC MB and FR  Action plan updated and circulated to Eco Church group.  Action plan forwarded to Robin for updating on website.  Annual report provided by Izzy for next Clitheroe URC AGM on 19th May  **Next meeting on Thursday 30/05/24 @ Clitheroe URC at 10am.** | IL  IL  IL  IL  IL  IL  IL | 09/08/23  06/11/23  20/01/24  06/02/24  21/03/24  16/04/24  05/04/24 |