

**U3a Name** - Bath

**Group Title** - Climate Environment Actionists

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**Format:** For 2024 there will be a monthly meeting, except July and August. Six months of topics are pre-planned for casual discussion, action ideas and sharing of information. This group is primarily about taking action.

Initially simple actions are planned each month, some to do together some recommended. Follow up via newsletter where the topic is summarized, and the group is directed towards further individual actions, local lectures, local relevant events, on line education, books, etc. Second six months will be more democratically organized with more members involved in planning.

**Example Meetings** so far first year:

Circular Economy - introduction, discussion then a visit to the Share and Repair Shop in Bath. Follow up via newsletter with links to action.

Saving Energy in our homes - presentation from a member with an eco-friendly carbon neutral home, question and answers and an optional visit.

Plastics with information sharing, participation in the Big Plastic Count, two planned litter picks along the River Avon and Earth Day plus making of our own beeswax wraps.

Pollinators, visit to local project a member organizes where trees and pollinator planting taken place, also plant up pollinator pots for general u3a distribution.

Transport, Food etc. No meetings July and August. Future possible potential meetings: Textiles Fashion/Water/ Council Scorecards /Visit to Biowaste Facility / Visit HEAL's first rewilding farm in Somerset/ Visit regenerative farm

**Key Points :**

Broad headings allow a wide range of options for actions.

Recognising climate change and environment issues are complex, information is constantly evolving and there are no simple answers. Members are therefore encouraged to become active in areas they have an interest in already.

Actions are planned to lift spirits and build community as opposed to isolated doom and gloom paralysis.

Books, local university groups/presentations are available for deeper discussion.