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Format

Most of us had been involved in Climate matters before.

The aim of the group is to persuade and convert, not just hold meetings so we meet once a month for two hours and also take part in other activities. We decided that we would encourage each other in our own specialist interests.

We aim to have a paragraph or article in each newsletter/booklet of Kingston U3A but by various people on relevant topics e.g. vegetarianism with a good recipe. This is so that people don't look at it think 'oh climate again', and turn the page.

An initial project was to keep a file of one defining article on each relevant subtopic on the group site and update it regularly. So much information comes out that this had proved more difficult than I hoped!

We had a stall at one of the council environment days, took part in a church Green Day and some of us have been on peaceful demonstrations (including one organised by XR). We visited the local recycling plant and organised a talk by Brenda Ainsley, aimed at entry level climate concerns.

Issues on our radar - checking on what the Council does (Kingston is better than many), persuading banks, pension funds and universities to stop funding fossil fuel projects.