CASTLEMORTON ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

UPDATE OCTOBER 2023

Since launching in March 2022 the CEG group has continued to meet regularly to organize events and to develop ideas regarding future activities.

To date we have:

- Put on a number of talks including: electric cars, heat pumps, solar energy, solar batteries, home insulation, wildlife photography and gardening, Hollybed Farm meadows
- Given out over 2600 trees to be planted locally
- Set up a webpage on the Castlemorton Hub regarding our activities
- Surveyed residents' areas of interest in environmental matters
- Run a logo competition for local children and chosen our logo
- Set up a mailing list to keep members informed (open to all) – now numbers around 100
- Made links with other local environmental groups (Hanley Carbon Neutral & Colwall Greener)
- One of the committee ran a couple of birdsong identification walks on Castlemorton Common and invited individuals to join his regular butterfly transect
- Run a 'plastic-free' household products stall at the monthly community café
- Collaborated with Morton Majestic to show two environmentally themed films (Biggest Little farm, 2040)
- Collaborated with The Chase Eco Club to run an environmentally themed evening at The Cube Youth Club and shown the Billie Eilish film Overheated

Since the Spring 2023 update we have:

- Carried out a survey of local verges with a view to improving their biodiversity – we need volunteers to help with this project
- Continued our programme of talks: British orchids, managing pasture for horses in an environmentally friendly manner, best of British wildlife locations
- Visited two local recycling centres (Envirosort and EnviRecover)
- Continued running the 'plastic-free' stall where possible
- Collaborated with Hanley Environmental group to run a stall at Hellens Garden Festival in June
- Used a wildlife camera to record local wildlife
- Liaised with the local Church to improve biodiversity in the churchyard and held a public meeting regarding the proposal
- Worked on revamping the website with a view to launching the new site this autumn
- Continued to monitor the bat activity at the village hall
- Distributed free samples of soapnuts at our events for people to try, and will continue to do so at future events

We are keen to hear from local residents regarding ideas for future activities and welcome interested individuals to join our meetings and become involved.