#### Leicestershire

What can Parish and Town Councils Learn?

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#### Who is Save Our Shropshire CIO?

To improve lifestyles, we

- Deliver education based around the effects of climate change
- Believe people need to change their habits and behaviours.
- Believe activity should be demand-led by local people







#### The "Greenhouse Gas" Effect















# What role do parish and town councils have?

- Leading by example
- Statutory and regulatory responsibilities/powers
- 3. Community leader and collaborator
- 4. Local and neighbourhood planning
- 5. Educator- sharing examples of good practice
- 6. Lobbying for policy changes and funding
- 7. Enabling practical action by local people







#### For and against

Can we talk about the budget?

I would like to talk about climate change Planning permission issue is more important

We need a better playground

Climate change is a hoax from green party





# Agenda of course for Parish/Town Council and communities

**Basic Science** 

Impact on community

What can Parish and Town Councils do – best practise

Pledge actions for self and your group

How to communicate to your community and engage





#### Impact of Action on climate change for people

**Activity** Action Result Happiness Reduced cost and **Change Diet** More Plant based better food Reduce Carbon Insulation, Get wind Reduced cost Energy improved warmth and solar power... Walk, Bikes, Shared Reduced cost better **Active Travel** cars, better transport health Health Wealth Repair Café, Reduced cost longer Reuse, Recycle localised recycling lasting items Plant Trees, Local Health, community Countryside Fruit Trees engagement





#### Promoting a circular economy

### Farnham & Hovingham Parish Councils

 From over 60 events, Farnham Repair Café has led to savings of over 35.5 tCO2e and £105,582. Hovingham Parish Council and a community group run a virtual share shed where tools, cleaning and gardening equipment can be shared.













Resilience





### For .....

Our budget for climate change activities is..

We are organising a town event for better local food

These houses need to have solar panels and airsource heat pumps

We will build an orchard next to the playground

Sorry climate change is not a hoax





#### How can we help?

- 1. Parish and Town Council course July 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and September 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> https://saveourshropshire.org/parish-council-workshop
- 2. Help with developing local activities/link to other councils
- 3. Training Local champions Householders' course
- 4. Training Trainers via "Speak Carbon"



