**IDE PARISH COUNCIL-CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP**

**Report to Parish council 18/9/19**

The climate emergency working group has welcomed new members, since the last PC meeting. James Romain, Ann Boyce, Pip Smithson and Richard Cottle.

The group helped to run a public meeting with Transition Exeter in July, which was well attended including parish and district councillors. There were presentations from Ide and Totnes councillors about actions that parish and town councils can take.

Last week the group arranged a talk from Audrey Compton on wildflower meadows Audrey is really inspiring about the value of meadows - for nature and for ourselves.

The group is meeting monthly with a theme. Recently transport where we will be working with the school to encourage safe and sustainable travel to school, continuing to promote safe walking and cycling routes to the village. There is a new bus service the “L Bus” serving Crossmead directly, offering a faster option for accessing Ide without winding through St Thomas on the P bus.

The group is looking at possible ways to provide charging options to enable parishioners to consider electric cars without off road parking. The two options here are expensive online high-speed chargers, booked and paid for through an app, or relatively cheap low power overnight chargers that could serve only one local vehicle. These could be linked with a leased parking space which might be an attractive option for a resident making an electric vehicle a viable option. Either could bring income to the PC to support this or other projects.

Members of the group have studied national action plans from the committee for climate change and the Centre for Alternative Technology. These are substantial documents and we appreciate the time members have put into studying them. We will be producing summaries and drawing ideas from them for the website soon.

The group will be carrying out a survey of the village soon to raise awareness of the emergency and gather general data as well as assess the feasibility and popularity of possible projects.