

## Boyton Community Group

### Community Environmental Fund Close Report

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#### 1. About the fund

The Community Environmental Action Fund (CEAF) ran between 1 July 2010 and 1 July 2015, with the last grants being issued in July 2012. The aim was to encourage and support community led action which raises awareness of and acts on the need to reduce reliance on fossil fuels, cut greenhouse gas emissions, and increase community resilience so that they are both acting to reduce the impacts a changing climate will have on their life and able to cope with change. It was made possible by the kind support of Suffolk Coastal Local Strategic Partnership, Groundwork East of England, Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB SDF Fund, the Environment Agency, the Suffolk Coastal Greenprint Forum and Suffolk Coastal District Council. Many others have also provided their invaluable advice including the Suffolk Climate Change Partnership, Suffolk Acre and SAVO.

#### 2. About the Community Group



Following engagement around Carbon footprinting and a village survey in 2007 Boyton Community Group was formally initiated on the 22 Jan 2011. The group received £110 in March 2011 and £1000 from CEAF in July 2011 to help establish and build Boyton Community Group. Their purpose being to:

- Develop and deliver sustainable projects for the local community without impacting future generations.
- Increase energy resilience & reduce carbon emissions.
- Raise awareness on sustainable communities.
- Enhance social inclusion and community spirit.

There are currently five trustees and the group remains active, meeting every other Saturday on the last weekend of the month with an AGM in June/July. Their webpage is: <http://www.boytonsuffolk.org.uk/>

### 3. Progress against commitments

The group committed to holding six public meetings/events, developing and agreeing a constitution and getting insurance, running a bulk oil ordering scheme and engaging households in energy efficiency, renewables, reducing food waste and growing food. All commitments have been met:

#### In 2011

- A survey was carried out to identify demand for renewables. Results suggested that there is some interest in the village (but people are a little wary because of unknown costs). Mosscliff were invited in to survey 11 properties. Four took it up and received a 10% bulk buy discount.
- The group borrowed a thermal imaging camera and 12 households had the images taken to identify heat loss areas.
- The group took part in the Warmer Homes DIY Insulation Scheme – their promotion of it and support on the day of handing out items led to 17 households installing efficiency improvement measures (loft insulation, loft hatch, and letter box, door, window and chimney seals).
- A bulk oil ordering scheme was set up. As of Dec 2015 there were 167 households registered. The concept being that there are less drops and therefore traffic miles as deliveries can be combined and that the group makes financial savings.
- The Constitution was developed and adopted.
- A whole food bulk buying group was established.
- Launch celebration was attended by 40 people.



- £200 gained winning Village of the Year competition and additional £100 from winning Greenest Village of the year award.
- Garden open day attracted 30 people
- Apple pressing day attracted 30 people
- Christmas celebration attended by 50 people
- Annual Beach Clean established
- Glut stall installed on village green.
- Website established

### **In 2012**

- Herb garden established on Village green
- Grant of £100 secured from Suffolk ACRE.
- £100 gained through a Suffolk Wildlife Trust conservation award
- Welcome pack with environmental elements produced and distributed to 80 households.
- 21 July 2012 – Renewables presentation from Nick Greenwood

### **In 2013, 2014 and 2015**

Annual activities continued. Support given to East Suffolk Greenprint Forum in form of a bulk buy case study, attendance at event sharing learning and provision of the Chair. Transition Towns engagement approach trailed.

### **4. Planned next steps for the community**

The group continues to meet, run the bulk buys and maintain the herb garden and run community celebrations with the Parish Council. No further environmental action is planned at this stage but a watching brief is being kept on low carbon energy and transport.



## Appendix 1 Break down of Expenditure

<b>Eligible costs</b>	
Meeting Room Hire	292.5
Herb Garden Equipment	279.93
Refreshments	175.55
Membership of Suffolk Acre	50
Insurance	286.47
Printing costs	154.99
Apple Day Cartons	30.97
	<b>1270.41</b>

Grant has been spent on eligible items and receipts have been scanned. There is more money in bank due to donations etc. and these have covered additional expenditure and allowed the group to achieve more than is captured here.