

# StewkleyGreen

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13 residents of Stewkley met for the inaugural meeting of StewkleyGreen. An ambitious group that intends to help residents reduce their fuel costs and migrate the source of the majority of all energy used to renewable forms over the next 10 years. Eventually plans will be made to offset the remaining Carbon that is released by inhabitants' activities. Already 11 other people have joined the group. "There has been considerable interest from many quarters" said Roger Crews who formed the group from people who replied to a letter in the parish magazine the 'Grapevine' published earlier this month.

At the meeting it was agreed that there are 3 main topics to address in the next 3 months; these are a) to prepare a base line survey, so that we know where we are starting from, and can determine future success. b) Raise awareness of how people can benefit and help. c) Promote the "Easy Wins" for Stewkley residents. Groups were formed to champion these, and each group will meet this week, before the whole group meets again on Wednesday evening 7<sup>th</sup> May.

"It is certainly exciting" said Zoe a recent graduate of Southampton University in English Literature, who lives in the village with her 2 young children. "There is so much to do, we need more people to help publicise the group's activities and achievements. Anyone who cares about the future of our planet can join."

"I am very pleased at the progress we have made in such a short time" said Roger, "we already have the beginning of our website [www.StewkleyGreen.org.uk](http://www.StewkleyGreen.org.uk), and active groups working, and we are in touch with other villages working towards the same goals. The next stage is to find people to engage the media in print, radio and TV. We will also be looking for sponsors and fund raising"

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