

LAUNTON ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIETY (LES)

We are an Environmental Initiative organized to help mitigate The Climate Crisis. This the second attempt by residents of Launton to help tackle Global Warming. The first being LEG (Launton Environmental Group, 1994 to 2006) The goal of LEG was to help people to recognize the Global Warming Problem, and to do something about it. LEG was a traditional village group with regular meetings, guest speakers, events, outings and projects all very well suited for the times.

LES was formed because we weren't as successful with LEG as we had hoped, the Global Warming problem has now grown into a Global Climate Crisis. We at LES want to help people live with, try to minimize and not worsen that crisis.

The Crisis a Sustainability Crisis. Unlike former Launton resident who lived in this lovely rural Community for Centuries, we are part of 'The Global North' and we (unwittingly) do not live sustainably. We, as a society, have lost our way. We cannot go without addressing the problem. We must return to a more sustainable lifestyle, and LES was formed to help do just that.

LES aims to help people and our community reduce their Carbon Footprint. We are a non-judgemental, information based, motivational, encouraging tool. We rely less on meeting and more on emails, newsletters, occasional speakers, outings, and workshops (In the form of 'MOP'- Meeting of the Parties, a local version of the United Nations 'COP'- Conferences.)

It is our goal to achieve a much more sustainable society without giving up our way of life (too much).

Together we are working to help a future Launton be a wonderful Carbon Zero Community. It is my personal hope to make Launton a sustainable Carbon Neutral Community... in my lifetime! HELP!!

Submitted by Ed Hamill, Founder and First Chairman of LES

P.S. We have a 'Sister-group' called LES+S (Supporters) for people that do not live in Launton. My initial membership goal is 300, as of today there are 61 people in LES and 37 in LES+S totalling 98. If you would like to join with our project. LES is useful, non-committal and free... let me know via launtonenvironmentalsociety@gmail.com.