

## **CLIMATE & ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY!**

The **Climate & Ecological Emergency** is not a remote and abstract problem. Locally, we have experienced;

- Freak winds,
- Relentless rain causing floods, collapsing banks closing roads and water-logged paths,
- Dangerously high temperatures,
- Coastal cliff collapses.

In October 2023, all parish residents were invited to a meeting to discuss local initiatives in response to the Climate & Ecological Emergency under three headings: Wildlife, Energy and Transport. Those interested in transport formed Loders Transport Group.

### **LODERS TRANSPORT GROUP (LTG) has the following six areas of interest;**

#### **1) PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

Restoring decent public transport was the most popular issue in Loders Parish Council 2021 Climate & Ecological Emergency questionnaire to all parish residents with 95% supporting improvement.

LTG has little power to restore decent public transport as investment is dependent on external funding but is inspired by Enrique Penalosa's quote in the Bridport Investment Plan (2022); "A developed country is not a place where the poor have cars. It's where the rich use public transportation."

#### **2) CAR-SHARING**

LTG has developed an App for parish residents to reduce car use and provide for those trapped by the lack of public transport by encouraging car-sharing. A modest start which will take time to build trust and change habits.

#### **3) FOOD-MILES**

LTG has put up posters advertising locally sourced food deliveries to reduce food-miles. LTG has encouraged Wednesday's Pop-Up Post Office in Uploders Chapel to share home-grown produce.

LTG supports the Wildlife Group's attempt to establish a community orchard.

#### **4) SAFER ROADS**

LTG has asked Loders Parish Council to pursue a 20mph speed limit and is supporting other ways to improve road safety.

#### **5) ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGE-POINTS**

LTG supports the Energy Group's attempt to establish public charge-points at, for example, the Village Hall, local pubs or at Well Plot.

#### **6) NON-ROAD ROUTE**

LTG is exploring the potential of a Non-Road Route from Loders to Bradpole as a local contribution to encourage low carbon travel.