

LODERS PARISH CLIMATE & ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY QUESTIONNAIRE: OTHER SUGGESTIONS

1. TRANSPORT

A: car share

While we hope to see communities nation wide reducing reliance on own transport, I think within this village people already consider car sharing when possible. There are multiple valid reasons why people choose not to do so which also applies to using alternative means of transport. I think forcing people off the road could lead to more isolation with resulting potential mental health problems and also kill off an already struggling high street. We don't all live the same lifestyles.

No one will really give up their car or enter into care sharing. The British people and particularly those immigrants from the South East who have migrated to the parish are the worse for unnecessary journeys having to keep going to town. So few can house-keep and shop once a week.

An excellent idea.

Covid limits this at present but a journey-sharing scheme would be good for many esp. those without their own transport.

Consider use of 'car stop' where people who need a lift to- say Bridport would be offered a lift- drivers need to demonstrate some registration/oversight.

Good idea- post covid.

Possible on 'personal' basis- otherwise enforcement very unpopular.

Could be done using the neighbourhood app.

Few people travel to the same destinations at the same time.

Or publicise public transport facilities.

B: non-road route

A footpath and cycle path that avoids the road to Bradpole would be a great improvement and encourage more people to cycle.

Would love a non road route to Bridport, having two young children the road route is dangerous but we are forced to use it as there is no good alternative.

Due to the nature of the Parish, a non-road route is not viable for the vast majority.

We feel that reopening the old railroad as a cycle and footpath may be a good idea as a route into the town centre from Loders and Uploders.

My child keen attend Loders School, we live in Bradpole. We would happily walk to school if there was a safer route! The cars go so fast along the narrow roads that we end up driving just to keep safe.

How will the support be measured?

Non road route to Bridport, would allow my young bike loving family a safe way to go to Bridport/West Bay and reduce our need to use the car for this. Due to how dangerous the Loders-Bradpole road is for cycling.

Attempts to establish a non-road cycle way between Loders and Bridport have so far failed to get over the first hurdle which is that any route must involve access through several private properties and property owners are, understandably, reluctant to grant such access.

A non road link into Bridport would cost a fortune.

The proposed Sustrans cycleway/footway along, or near, the old railway line, seems to have fallen by the way-side. It already exists from Bradpole to Westbay it needs extending to Loders and beyond.

Great idea- I would really welcome this.

A pathway/cycleway to Bradpole/Bridport would encourage safe passage & allow students to walk to Colfox, reducing use of buses.

Parish survey 2012? New survey?

Good idea- via foot & bicycle.

This could be very damaging to the village.

It would be very helpful if the old railway line was re-opened as an alternative route for walkers (& for cyclists) from Yonderover & Uploders to Bridport, even if this did not include the bridge area, with its structural & garden issues & followed the footpath over Brook House field to start with (roughly following the line of the river).

It is currently possible to walk to Bridport avoiding roads. How many residents would use this?

This, presumably, is on the old railway line?? Very intrusive for residents along the route. If alternative, yes, to be investigated.

Details?

We are already on a cycle route and have two good footpath routes via Bradpole and East Road communication and perhaps encouraging better upkeep seems to be all that is required.

Look again at a possible link between Loders & Bradpole- ie a cycle route.

The revival of the Sustrans Route would bring litter, noise and heavy bike traffic to Loders: not wanted- highly damaging to the environment and amenity.

C: EV charging

EV charging points are expensive to install and have an ongoing maintenance cost.

EV charging will become a necessity but perhaps household will have their own?

I am positive that I do not want you to investigate possible sites for Electric Vehicle charging points. The Charging points would have to be near the where the car owner was staying so one placed in Lodgers would be no use to someone staying in Uploders or Matravers or vice versa. Better to let the house provide the charging. It could be a much slower charger which would be better for the grid than having a very high current charger!

I don't think public charging points are the answer as there is a possibility that they will overload the electricity capacity locally. So feel that those with electric cars should have their own chargers at home which may take longer to charge but not such a drain on the electricity capacity overall.

The linear nature of the village must make it more difficult to find suitable sites for Electric Vehicle charging points with the only immediately obvious sites being those buildings with car parks ie the 2 pubs and the village hall.

Installing car charging points at strategic points in the village will be essential supporting the move to electric vehicles, particularly with so many houses along the linear street preventing cables across public footpaths to trip over.

No need to investigate just do it!

Cost and maintenance- not viable. Take a realistic attitude to EV use. This is not an area that lends itself to EV use.

Where would they be placed? Not enough room for parking as it is? Possibly at Village Hall?

Yes, with the caveat that we probably don't want to incentivise large battery EVs given the longer carbon payback periods.

Suggest Crown and Lodgers Arms.

Could some residents 'hog' time on community chargers? Maybe grants for home-based points could be less contentious long-term.

Only if:- sits immediately adjacent to vehicle- ie no trailing cables! And no 'pumps'- ! [unreadable but possibly 'renting space']! Not suitable in villages unless by Village Hall- but access [unreadable but possibly 'events']! Kerbside charging points only- one per household- activated from inside property for security.

EV charging points may be considered at Village Hall & pub car parks & info & encouragement for householders. Only if a suitable way of recovering the cost can be achieved.

Pub car park would be a good location.

How many people in the area have or will have electric cars? There are charging points in Bridport and residents can use their own electric supply.

D: publicise public transport improvements

The Parish Action Plan says that the parish council should also lobby DCC. What actions are proposed, by whom and how will they be decided upon when the 'Investigations' are completed? Concern here is that leadership is required not just responding to the answers generated by the data collected here.

The modern person going about their daily lives will just not wait about for buses and public transport. We aren't in London or a big town where a bus runs every 5 or 10 mins.

This would be good.

No need to investigate just do it!

Use Eggardon & Colmers View.

We urgently need buses reinstated

There is a need for a bus service at least once a week. Taxis are very expensive for those on low incomes.

2. RENEWABLE ENERGY

A: Parish potential

I disagree because I feel this should be a nationwide or Dorset wide initiative. The current government are, surprisingly, making efforts to push this forward but there are so many factors to consider that I fear we could make matters worse by trying to rush something on a small scale. I sense the frustration and impatience but our nations top scientists are working together with whichever government will be in power to push forward initiatives and new developments. This should produce a concerted effort to make it work for everyone.

I don't understand how this can be contemplated in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty or a Conservation Area.

Again, community involvement essential - a meeting of the village with Low Carbon Dorset?

Sods law, after all these desires of a GREEN Village if a farmer puts in to use a farm for solar, it would be the usual, Not In my Back Garden, It's a conservation area, it's an area of outstanding natural beauty. The PCC and everyone on the Green bandwagon needs to be realistic that so many things just don't go hand in hand.

Why investigate? Get a grip Parish Council.

In a conservation area? Are we talking about fields of solar panels?

Is there a need for more storage infrastructure to mitigate intermittency or is renewable penetration still too low?

Seek 'block purchase' of roof-mounted solar generators to issue at a discount to households in L & UL.

There may be other organisations which could advise on this subject.

Environment is very sensitive to large installations.

Talking shop?!

Nuclear Power is 'clean' and essential. Wind Farms and Solar Power Stations, though unsightly, could be built out of sight of villages or towns. Please note, this is a paraphrase of the original version separately available in full as 'APPENDIX 1'.

B: domestic improvements

Energy grants to encourage people to embrace renewable energy either by installing PV panels or moving to air/ground source heating

Energy storage systems (including batteries) are needed to balance the National Grid as renewables are not constant. Smart meters, which can be used by the grid to predict usage better, cannot be installed where there are not suitable transmitters in the area. Get the right transmitters installed.

I don't understand as household energy efficiency will depend on the household and will probably be different for every household. What is Energy Recycling?

The first thing is to scrap this nonsense of a conservation area, retaining dated and inefficient windows, doors etc requiring planning permission to just alter a window. New modern materials must be allowed, not wood that rots out within years requiring more trees to be cut down and imported timber. Yes, you will have to accept compressors on the side of houses for air source heat pumps, car chargers on walls.

Why investigate? Get a grip Parish Council.

But the problem will be how to engage with the disinterested.

Investigate what; most householders know what strategy but can't afford it- i.e. I need a heat pump but short of £16,000.

Would love to convert to air source heat pump but cost high- grants?

Insulation should be a priority.

Recycling rules are not always clear.

Good luck with that. People already know how to improve energy efficiency but still use tumble driers, dishwashers and leave lights on all night. The only thing that will push people to use less electricity is a staggered tariff.

3. NATURAL ASSETS

A: River Asker

Accept that the River Asker is basically a drainage channel for surface water from way up the Asker Valley and the North Side of Shipton Hill. It will naturally

pick up pollutants on its way. It is a farming area where animals live, poo, pee etc and creates no more pollution than householders constantly washing cars with detergents, fertilisers on their gardens and watering their garden. They will all end up in the drainage system and into the river at some point. Again be realistic. Perhaps object to the Crutchley Estate methods of management with so many cows in one place and pumping the effluent towards the back of Uploders. The ditch from the pylons to the back of Croads Farm to the left of the footpath where it joins into the River frequently stinks to high heavens and the water is frothy from slurry.

The activities of our local farmers that are causing an issue with the river also need to be addressed.

Knowing this parish council it will never happen.

Introduction of rare species- otters, beavers etc. Get the children involved!

Involve the school and the youth club. Better for them than taking part in demonstrations!!

Very welcome idea.

Apart from the river, the absence of agrichemicals being used means Loders has good biodiversity.

Form a local group of volunteers to work on local schemes.

B: trees

Hedgerows must be included with tree planting. Currently they are in a poor state, badly treated and not helpful for wildlife.

Tree planting needs advice on what and where? Which tree should be planted where in a wood for best results. Consider growth over the years, shading problems near the river and adjacent properties etc.

Looking at the video of the last train to run from Maiden Newton to Bridport shows very little in the way of trees compared to now. Indeed in the time I have lived here the amount of trees has grown significantly. Basically it is already happening.

All good ideas, it's important to plant appropriate plants, including trees, being mindful of the surroundings etc.

Encourage local land-owners to plant trees and farm sustainably!

Trees need to be planted in the right places and not to be to the detriment of existing biodiversity.

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Include hedge planting. Restrain hedgerow destruction which reduces biodiversity.

Engage local landowners in discussions about enriching biodiversity & adding rewilded areas on unproductive land.

Encourage villagers to start growing mature trees to be added to the areas identified or to have our own designated tree nursery site.

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Look after the trees we already have. Identify any worthy of Tree Preservation Orders.

More trees planted on Village Hall site would be aesthetically pleasing and improve biodiversity.

Form a group to undertake tree & hedge planting.

C: wildlife

Anything we can do to embrace and enhance our local environment should be done.

We have to be careful how we protect things otherwise things go out of balance. Protecting badgers seemed a good idea, and they have recovered well. But now they are impinging on the well being of other creatures like hedgehogs and nesting birds. Best left alone.

Whatever can be done to both improve and protect our local wildlife can't be bad.

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We need more wildlife habitat.

Involve the school and the youth club. Better for them than taking part in demonstrations!!

Stop decimating hedgerows by over-cutting. Plant more species in existing hedgerows to provide wildlife corridors.

D: publicity

I disagree, individuals are more than capable of reading/watching news items so can surely keep up to date themselves? Surely if they are interested they would know already and if not you would be wasting your time anyway. I think it is an unnecessary action other than being seen to be doing something or thinking you would be ticking a box.

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Prioritise local action rather than report writing & policy making. We only have 5 years before it is all too late anyway!

GENERAL COMMENTS

1A, B and D; although I have answered Agree I do not have any leaning and wanted to leave the question blank, but had no option but had to put something in. (A questionnaire which does not allow the respondent to express his or her opinion is no use at all!).

We would strongly suggest the extension of the speed restriction area to include Smishops Lane and beyond, past the Highacres junction. This would help to

reduce pollution, emissions and noise as well as improving safety in the area used for school parking. Traffic regularly uses the derestriction signs as an opportunity to accelerate excessively, notably increasing pollution.

Please investigate the reduction of the 30mph speed limit to 20mph as the speed of a lot of vehicles is very dangerous.

Please reduce car journeys, prioritise walking & cycling and promote public transport.

Not everyone is retired and on 2 or 3 pensions with nothing better to do that have ideals that are not in keeping with modern way of life.

Loders parish council precept has risen year on year and thankfully reduced by 0.2% this year. Something for the PCC to be proud of. Dorset Council Community Tax now the second most expensive in the whole country, it is nothing to be proud of and a public disgrace how they think residents can constantly afford ever increasing bills. My works pension rose by 6 a month after 35 yrs in the scheme this year yet Community tax rose £13 per month. We cannot afford these hare brained ideas.

Reducing unnecessary journeys and pollution into the parish is easy. Loders school had less than 50% of pupils from the catchment area of Loders, Uploders and Askerswell. Most are transported from the town and surrounding area. Close Loders School and transport our pupils on a small bus into a Bridport school which has greater facilities, greater opportunities for children to social interact and gain people skills. It is a disgrace the number of cars coming out from the Bradpole direction twice a day. It's just so that the so called modern mothers can stand outside the school socialising.

A community event setting out the various options, once they are known, would be useful.

It is essential that the opinions of the public are truly acknowledged as too often this is not happening.

How will this support and action be generated? As per the AONB policy, we have a huge concern over light pollution, e.g. the huge 'streetlights' now on many houses that light up the street and sky and deny us the dark.

The diametrically opposed objectives of Dorset Council's Planning Department and the Climate and Ecological Emergency Action Plan would seem to require resolution before the various actions proposed by Loders Parish can be achieved.

To prioritise cycling & walking, sight lines on our roads could be improved by encouraging people to park off-road ie as in France, encourage visitors to utilise the Village Hall car park when it is not hosting an event.

Agree to all- keep parishioners informed!

It would be very helpful if we are allowed to hold community face to face meetings about all these objectives so that as many parishioners as possible could become actively involved.

I appreciate the work that has gone into producing this questionnaire, but how much of it is practical? *Please note, this resident answered no questions but raised*

concern about litter along A35 verges. Original version separately available in full as 'APPENDIX 2'

Look at erosion of the strip lynchets in places caused by grazing & heavy rain.

It would be a v. welcome addition to the village, if a seat was installed on the grass by letter box at Well Plot. This would enable the many walkers, cyclists etc. to rest, en route on their journey. Many thanks; food for thought!

How about encourage people to holiday in the UK and to actively seek alternatives to buying anything made in China?

Also, communal compost heaps as an alternative to current dumping around Well Plot.

Please note, a 2 page submission is separately available as 'APPENDIX 3'.