

## **Summary of Sustainable Swaledale meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

The following items were covered:

### **Events**

- Review of the 'Leyburn environmental fair' event held shortly before Christmas, which was useful for building contacts with other local environmental groups.
- Planning for future events, including the 'Breaking the sacred hoop' talk by Mike Sparrow scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> January and the 'Swaledale night sky' talk by Paul Clark on the 18<sup>th</sup> February.
- Some possible future events were also discussed, including further talks/films in the 'winter series', a spring litter pick event, and possible participation at the Reeth & Muker summer shows.

### **YDNPA meeting**

- There was a productive initial meeting with the YDNPA and local charity 'Friends of the Dales', which was valuable for understanding synergies and possible areas for future collaboration.

### **Richmondshire District Council (RDC) climate emergency**

- We continue to encourage RDC to take positive action following their declaration of a climate emergency in 2019. Latest report is that they are in the process of setting up a working group on climate change which will convene in January and report back to the members in March 2020.

### **Other initiatives**

- A proposal was made to set up an online 'recipe book' that highlighted climate-friendly vegan, vegetarian and meat-based eating options and promoted locally-sourced ingredients.
- We are awaiting confirmation of some funding for materials to build the 'Incredible Edible' veg-growing plot in Reeth, and will start work on converting the plot in time for the spring growing season.