

## SUSTAINABLE FRAMSDEN CIC - REPORT APRIL 2023

Sustainable Framsden CIC ("SF CIC") was incorporated on 2 September 2022. It is a Community Interest Company Limited by Guarantee. It is a not for profit organisation and any profits made are ploughed back into the community.

The objects of the company are to carry on activities which benefit the community and in particular, but without limitation, improve the quality, biodiversity and sustainability of the natural environment in the Framsden area including the establishment of a community energy scheme that substantially reduces the community's carbon footprint.

The aim is to have a number of projects running on a wide range of areas.

So far these are:

### 1. A community energy scheme.

This is a project to create a Framsden based electricity scheme that produces low cost, sustainably and locally produced energy. Initially we are looking at solar PV but with potential to add wind power later. A grant for £1300 from Suffolk CC has been used to obtain a geospatial survey of the potential sites. An initial launch presentation of SF CIC and the scheme took place at the Village Hall on 14 April 2023 and was attended by 65 people. A further presentation by Community Works, the organisation providing the guidance and expertise to SF CIC on community energy is planned for early July.

### 2. Assistance to the Framsden Parish Council in improving the Village Hall.

A consultant's report from Groundwork East has been obtained by SF CIC providing Framsden Parish Council with options on improving the efficiency and environmental performance of the Village Hall. Infrared heating, battery power, insulation and EV chargers are the most likely areas for development. Work exploring availability of grants is ongoing with Suffolk CC/Suffolk Climate Change Partnership.

### 3. Home improvement scheme.

At the invitation of Suffolk Climate Change Partnership we have applied to join a scheme that provides subsidised materials (up to £7,000 per community) for home improvements such as insulation and efficient lighting. An initial meeting to explore the scheme is taking place on 21 April 2023.

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