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To reconsider actions which could be taken by HTC to counteract climate change

In September 2019 HTC considered actions that could be taken to counter climate change, along with central government and other local government offices.

- A decision was made at that time to install at least one electric car charging point in the Chapel Street car park. This has been explored and the plan is to install 2 fast chargers at Chapel Street as soon as possible. This is being done in conjunction with a company called Instavolt, who would share the profits of the scheme with HTC. We are waiting at present for the Chapel Street carpark to be registered as our land with Land Registry. Once this has happened the project can go ahead, and will be a significant gesture by HTC towards offsetting the use of fossil fuels.
- The cost of electric cars is gradually coming down, and sales are seen to be rising. Those who can have electric charging points at home may consider changing to an electric car, and grants are available for the installation of home charging points. Perhaps this is something to be actively promoted by HTC
- Another area to be considered is the generation of electricity through solar panels on land owned by HTC, in particular the Queens Hall roof. The roof faces south and a cursory glance by a surveyor has indicated that this should be possible, and some quotes have been obtained. Now may be the time to explore this further, to have the roof properly surveyed for this purpose and to find the best possible scheme for HTC.

Recommendation: that HTC continues its actions to offset climate change and explores further the possibility of putting solar panels on the Queens Hall roof.



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