

As indicated last month, the Commission hosted a meeting of the Northern Dioceses' Environment Group on 08 June, at Wheeler Hall in Leeds. This is an open group of interested people from each of the Northern Dioceses, and they meet about 4 times a year.

Five out of the seven dioceses in the North were represented, along with several people from our own diocese.

The meeting opened with a reflection led by Paul Kelly, from St Mary & St Michael parish in Settle. He included a great short video. It's well worth taking a look – here is the link to it on YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/vph2oLKb1qM>

achieved net zero emissions?

2. How do we get to that position – what are the things that we need to do

With limited time he asked everyone to focus on the first question – in the style of Pope Francis's exhortation to *'Let us dream'*. So, in groups of 4 or 5, we were asked to come up with a drawing that would communicate the key aspects of our local community once net zero emissions were achieved. Some participants were a bit shy about drawing, but everyone had a go and became more enthusiastic as the workshop progressed.

At the end of the workshop, each group explained the different elements of their drawing – just in case it wasn't totally obvious