

Sustainable Calne – Minutes

Meeting: 9th June 2020 6pm held online

Actions in ***bold italics***

Attendees:

1. Attendees/Apologies received
Jenny Joyce (Vice-Chair), Tom Morris(Secretary), Cllr John Bennett(Treasurer), Cllr John Boaler, Cllr Robert MacNaughton, Tamzyn Long, Denis Robinson, Stan Wood, Celia Stevens, Averil Ashton, Sophy Fearnley-Whittingstall, James Gladding
Plus Nick Murry of Zero Chippenham
Apologies from
Jenny Ward, Becky Timmins, Denis Griffin, Patty Kelly
2. Approval of minutes from last meeting
Approved
3. Chair vacancy
There was a vacancy for the Chair as Kathryn has stood down for personal reasons
John Bennett agreed to stand and was unanimously elected as Chair and stood down as Treasurer. Stan Woods was unanimously elected as Treasurer
4. Treasurer Report - Voluntary Subscriptions – Stan Woods
£755 current balance, made up of £525 (ring-fenced event fund from Calne Town Council), £150 Chilvester Hill Ltd sponsorship, £80 voluntary membership subs
Note: New Website is www.sustainablecalne.org.uk
5. Funding application to Calne Town Council – StanW
Capital costs grant approved approx. £430
6. Branches – BeckyT
Update from John Bennett: Currently at standstill due to Covid-19 – working on a 5 year plan, meadow planting project being investigated. Sadly, trees had to be given away due to Covid-19.
Note: Becky cannot access online meetings.
Stan asked John Bennett to check if Becky has internet access to see if a computer could be provided.
AverilA suggested - Greenings of GB, Verges for Wilts Council – to be passed on by John Bennett
7. Community Energy - Solar Panels, Solar Farm – JamesG
Solar Farm update:
We are about to apply to Rural Community Energy Fund(RCEF) for up to £40,000.
This will pay for a study into the Technology, Commercial & Community feasibility.
The benefits of a community energy solar farm are:
 - Create a series of revenue streams to fund other community led projects
 - Great focal point for Sustainable Calne plus build better relationships with schools

- Local biodiversity – sowing wild meadows beneath the solar panels and hedgerows
- Local community to invest in renewable energy

Solar Panels: Nick Murry – Zero Chippenham application in progress for solar panel scheme. Through first round and later will come back to us for engagement with schools. A 50% grant is available.

Solar panel discount scheme for residents: Nick Murry Zero Chippenham use 3 installers selected including Calne based WEC – approx.20% discount on market rate. We can publicise this in Calne to residents. **Stan to follow up**

8. River Marden Group – Robert
Small groups are exploring river locations
Nick Murry is involved in related projects including CAUS – Campaign Against Urban Sprawl (CAUS) and is a trustee of Avons Needs Trees
Robert and Nick to connect

River Warriors update from Tamsyn - Litter picking on the brook, chopping back branches
Celia went to Castlefields – most of the ground ok but river dreadful from Black Dog halt

9. Calne TC Climate Emergency Working Group / Energy Audit – John Bennett
No update
10. Calne net zero baseline – James
No update
11. Air Pollution – Stan
3 devices in place - Curzon Street monitor needs to be relocated slightly
5 devices ready to go
10 sets of parts ordered

Nick Murry advised work on back packs and diffusion tubes are all held up by Covid-19.
Trying to get the Dyson monitors for use
Stan to connect with Nick

12. Wiltshire Climate Alliance – Jenny
Nick Murry also involved. This is a Wiltshire wide united voice for different groups.
A Steering Group set up. We can add Sustainable Calne to the WCA web site
Stan to progress

13. Future Activities
Our event for June was cancelled. Ideas for future events to be run between Christmas and March are needed

14. AOB
 1. Motion on use of Plant-based foods put forward by Averil – “All events run by Sustainable Calne where catering is involved will be plant based from the milk used in tea to meals and snacks etc.”

Averil spoke about the motion and after debate a vote was taken to amend the motion to say that vegetarian food would be catered. This vote failed and a vote was taken on the original motion for plant based foods only which passed.

Stan to update information on website

2. Event & Project Documentation and Administration – ***each workstream to provide document to Stan to add to website***
3. Membership (confirmed who is who) – ***Stan to progress***
4. Zero Chippenham update from Nick Murry:

Tree planting activities planned for November: Farmers who want to contribute to NFU net zero target are giving up corners of fields for trees. ZeroChippenham pay for survey and trees

EV day at Castle Combe was planned but is on hold

Zero Chippenham will be registering a BenCom for managing grant funding for school's solar panels schemes. Suggested that we could combine for the Calne solar farm project when and if we also need a BenCom.

15. Next meeting date & time agreed: Tuesday 7th July 2020 at 6pm