



Sustainable Calne – Minutes

Meeting: Thursday 17th September 2020 6pm held online

Minutes by Tom Morris

1. Attendees/Apologies

Attendees: Cllr John Bennett(Chair), Jenny Joyce(Vice-Chair), Stan Wood(Treasurer), Tom Morris(Secretary), Denis Robinson, Robert MacNaughton, James Gladding

Apologies received from: Averil Ashton, Celia Stevens, Cllr John Boaler, Jenny Joyce

2. Minutes approved

Minutes of the last meeting of 6th August were approved

3. Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary updates

Solar Day at Pocket Park was very enjoyable with stalls by Avon Needs Trees, DreamGreen Sustainability & Solarsense. We need to ensure more residents attend future events.

Tom and Jenny have attended Wiltshire Climate Alliance meetings including presenting an update on our work and being involved in a Transport Working Group

Treasurer reports will be circulated at a later date

Next meeting will include some work on future plans/strategies

4. Project updates:

Solar Panel Scheme (Webinar Tue 22nd September 7.30pm),

- Will be attended by recommended Solar Panel suppliers plus Zero Chippenham
- Only 3 signed up so far
- Suggested we could have put advertisement in newspaper
- We will record the webinar and advertise it afterwards
- Noted that Marketing help is needed generally - James to talk to Adrian Brabazon
- Tom to email members again

Solar Farm

- Letter from RCEF for grant has been signed up. Many thanks due to Jeanette from CTC
- Dates in diary for monthly progress updates for money release (starting 16th October)
- Eden Renewables has started initial assessment
- Council meeting update on Monday 21st September
- Comms Plan to be drafted and reviewed

Air Monitoring

- Stan agreed with Mark Edwards to schedule some surveys on 3 prospective sites
- Mark to organise liaison with schools
- Stan to present to UWE students & will ask for volunteers



Branches

- Beversbrook field option – on hold as CTC is to employ someone to deal with 2030 target.
- Agreement in principle from Green Sq to maintain raised planting areas in Abberd Brook area. Seeking funding and formal agreement. Already some planted up including some food production.
- Tamzyn via River Warriors has taken over some land on Abberd Brook and has agreement from GreenSq to wild it. Neighbours are involved.
- Raised Areas needing improvement – pedestrianised roads nr North End. Tom to have a look and see who owns them.
- Needs support for an educational strategy – Tom to request help (Celia/Jessica?)

Walking/Cycling

- Tom to talk to Celia about options and for identifying a lead on Cycling
5. Food - local food directory, incredible edibles, Community Allotment
 - Council allotments – long waiting list of 80
 - New area coming in for CTC allotments in next few years
 6. Multi-threaded Community Communications Strategy.
 - Some opportunities for wider comms possibly missed
 - Stan will write some points down – share strategy used for other orgs
 - John to prepare strategy for when we do an event – e.g. with journals, local press etc
 7. Community Forest Garden Project (Permaculture)
 - Tiered garden growing fruit and veg – usually a slope with a wood at bottom
 - Needs a lead and a team
 8. Gorilla gardening – wilding small untended plots of land
 - Covered earlier in meeting
 9. AOB
 - Stan to provide Treasurer report for distribution
 - Report for CTC – Robert suggested we use photographs and be educational for councillors. Tom to request a regular slot in Amenities meeting
 - Green Groundsman is a new role in Calne TC which is currently being interviewed for
 - Lack of members attending and engagement with public – suggested regular events at Pocket Park/ engage with other public events e.g Apple Day. Robert suggested that people don't know what we stand for and so need to keep a simple message. Stan to ask Fiona re Apple Day at Pocket Park
 10. Date of next meeting
 - Thursday 15th October 6pm online