

HEAT MINUTES – 23rd FEBRUARY, 2022

- 1) **PRESENT** Helen Cukier (Chair) Daniel Cukier, Jonathan Bacchus, John Downe, Pat Glover, Mark Greenwell, Penny Locke, Frances and Mark Lofthouse, Freddie Pocock, Rose Somerset
- 2) **APOLOGIES** Susan Millington, Henry Mills, Maria White, Andrea (Hub Manager)
- 3) **ACTIONS from January Minutes** - No response to request to give Freddie more support on **Social Media**, as yet.

HEAT Vision “To reduce the impact of the Hungerford Community on Climate Change and resource depletion. To assist the people of Hungerford to embrace a way of life which reduces their negative impact on the environment and improves their quality of life.”

As neither Trish nor Henry present – **Cycling Meeting** brought forward.

Sunday Markets. Still needs an Organiser. **Wormery.** Trish to Pat – **ACTION**

- 4) **TREASURER’S hand-over.** A zoom meeting was held on 21st Feb. with Helen Cukier, for Henry Mills to pass over to Maria White. HEAT’s Current Balance = £939-56p There is an outstanding payment from Nissan. This is a much healthier financial balance than a year ago, largely due to Income from the EV Show in July 2021.
- 5) **REPAIR CAFÉ – Sat. 19th March** 10 am – 12.30. **ACTIONS** Helen asked Freddie to put on Soc. Media. Maria and Helen putting Posters on Town Board and around Town. Rose and Frances offered to make cakes. Frances taking sewing machine.
ACTION (Pat) Plan to create leaflet; ‘If something cannot be repaired – how/where to recycle.’ 50 Leaflets suggested and/or QR code?
- 6) **TREES** FL said about 20 Volunteers worked on Marsh for T and M to clear Willow to improve reed banks along chalk streams on 17th Feb. The ‘Sparkling Streams’ work will now happen on Thurs. 17th March. MEET at CHURCH at 9 am – in wellies, etc. HEAT will work with T and M on **Sat. 26th March on Lockdown Wood** to care for that area. **ACTION** FL to contact Rob Starr re wood chippings to protect saplings, and tools. Susan Millington very helpful from her experience with Newbury FoE. Main dangers are from deer, rabbits and ants. Also brambles. Ash trees may be sprouting. **Meet at Marsh Lane gate at 9 am please.** **ACTION** Helen to check Prim. Sch. Banner. **Plaque – ACTION** Helen to pursue A4 metal plaque, with logos round edge. John suggested Jeremy nearby, in Priory Rd. **ACTION** Daniel to talk to him.
- 7) **ECO CONFERENCE** Helen has talked with Mike Saunders re HEAT’s involvement. After Dr Mike Morecroft’s initial Talk, there will be ‘break-out’ Groups. HEAT to lead one on **EV’s** outside with about 6/7 local EV owners standing by to answer questions, **ACTION** John ask TC if Nursery Car park available; and one on **Home Energy**, based inside. Mark Greenwell and others may present case studies, after John’s preliminary talk.
Other aspects of day include – Wild Flower Meadow in Churchyard.
ACTION – Everyone – Spread the message!

- 8) **HUNGERFORD SUMMER FESTIVAL – 2ND - 10th July** (Rose and Maria)
Rose has been seeking Speakers. There are free evening slots in the HUB. She has approached Rachel Hammond (from Incredible Edibles), Mike Morecroft, and Nic Chester to possibly give talk. Penny suggested Sustainable Wantage, ‘Down to Earth’ wormery! **ACTION** Penny to send link to Rose.
Any Events HEAT set up, would be included in Festival Programme, quite soon. We need speakers who are entertaining and fun!!
- 9) **HOME ENERGY EVENT – Sat. 24TH SEPT.** coinciding with onset of winter.
COSTS – T and M have offered 50% discount – i.e £500 for hire of Town Hall, and £140.63p deposit has been agreed. However, John will apply for GRANT before March Trustees Meeting, to cover this. NB. Still waiting to hear about appl. for Lottery Grant. **ACTION** John/Andrea to apply/register with Greenham Common Trust. MG has done a possible Draft for Day’s Structure for discussion. 20 Display Stands? Three Forums – to be repeated? (Sub Group currently; John D, Mark G, Daniel C, and Mark L) FL suggested we involve Schools in some way, to help young people engage with the day’s Event.
- 10) **HAMPSTEAD NORREYS’ GREEN FESTIVAL – Sat. 10th Sept.**
Ideal forum to give out leaflets re above! **ACTION** John meeting lady on 24th Feb. to hand over stuff about EV SHOW.
Frances planning to go to prelim. meeting on 3rd March, 6.30 pm in White Hart Pub.
- 11) **CYCLING in the Town.** Helen explained background, re Survey in 2021. to be followed through, with possible Meeting. Mark G offered to help, as he is a keen cyclist.
- 12) **RECYCLING** Sub Group – Pat and Zoe have been joined by Maria and Penny.
ACTION Pat to produce second Poster. FL to send out the first with Minutes, which is displayed on Town Board.
Pat shocked that BANKS are investing £2 billion in Fossil Fuels.
How to involve young people in recycling? **ACTION** Penny to make Video demo. Spread the message at Sunday Markets, Repair Cafe, WB Case Officers.
CONTAMINATION of recycling not good. In Hungerford, about 42% in town bins for plastic bottles and cans is recyclable, BUT if contaminated, it has to be burnt. (However, still better than landfill.)
Issues. **ACTION** Penny wants to influence ‘Youth & Community Centre’ to Recycle more. FOOD WASTE at Primary Sch. not good. **ACTION** Helen to get 5 A3 laminated posters via Tony Drewer-Trump to distribute.
Recycling Ink Cartridges – see attached.
- 13) **A. O. B.**
i) **Date FYI.** Tues. 1st March. Extinction Rebellion present Talk and Q and A, given by Lisa Hill, “Heading for Extinction and what to do about it”. All welcome.
Quaker Meeting House, 1 Highland Ave. Newbury. 7.30 pm

- ii) **Recycle4Charity.co.uk** Surname; Locke Supporter ID C135996
Email: Heat_Hungerford@yahoo.com Chosen Organisation. H. E. A. T. All funds raised will be automatically sent via BACS as quarterly cheque. **ACTION** Daniel.
- iii) Jonathan recommended ECO TANKs (google) for HP Printers. No plastic.
Instant Ink.
- iv) **Summer Markets.** Penny eager to keep Heat presence. Further discussion, need for gazebo, etc which Heat could possibly fund.
First Market on Croft Field – 10th April. Penny offered to help.
- v) Helen conveyed that the **Primary School** are restarting their **Eco Council** (after Lockdown) and Mike Saunders, with new Youth Worker, are visiting to help. Suggesting competition for children during School Hols. Nina Pugh is Teacher involved.
- vi) **NSBRC – re Rainwater Recycling** – query from Emily
- vii) **Thermal Imaging Camera** request by Shane Finlay to run a project at St Lawrence Church borrowing Heat’s camera. John suggested someone with ‘know-how’ to help.
- viii) **Clothes Swapping or use Charity Shops??**