

HEAT MINUTES – 24TH Feb. 2021

1) PRESENT Helen Cukier (Chair) Daniel Cukier, John Downe, John Ryder, Rose Somerset, Trish Whitham, Henry Mills, Jonathan Bacchus, Penny Locke, Freddie Pocock, Nicola Chester (later), Mark Lofthouse, and Frances Lofthouse

2) APOLOGIES Susan Millington

3) FOLLOW-UP'S

a) FUEL CELL SYSTEM'S TALK. The talk was recorded and extremely well received at our last meeting. Freddie has put recording on Soc. Media. Frances wrote an appreciative letter to the Speakers, Tom Sperry (MD), Beth Dawson (Project Manager) and Richard Stockwell (Director of Innovations).

b) ELECTRIC CAR ZOOM. This event was 'attended' by 61 people, a number of whom are interested in becoming EV owners. It was intended to maintain interest while we wait for Lockdown to ease, and move forward to a 'live' SHOW on the Croft which John D is enquiring about. It is thought possible and would swell numbers to hold this alongside Penny's Market on the Field the last w/e of June or first in July.

Could be promoted on Social Media, Newsletter, and Penny Post.

c) HUNGERFORD CYCLING SURVEY. Trish and Henry reported 148 replies to their 10 questions, and Trish presented some graphs showing the balance of answers; mostly it was people who cycle for exercise and leisure who replied, rather than those who cycle to work. Tentative summary: Cycle Lanes welcome, including A4 between Newbury and Bedwyn. John D said the Town Co. was considering a bike shelter in the Car Park between Hub and Fire Station; Henry had spoken to Forum Commonplace, and Josh Kerry. Henry to follow up with 'Spokes', Question asked; Is there any data re bike accidents?

The Full summary will take time – and Trish and Henry will continue to pursue.

Next Hungerford Town Council Transport Committee 22 March, which John said he could either present the survey findings to or Trish or Henry could attend to do so.

d) HELEN'S PRESENTATION TO WBGE (West Berks Green Exchange) who are a green umbrella organisation in Newbury, co-ordinating, and encouraging. WBGE hold meetings every few months with invited speakers, and Helen was invited to Present a Summary of HEAT's activities in 2020, last month. This was much appreciated by the virtual audience.

Helen would like Frances and John D to be the HEAT rep's on WBGE in future.

Comment. MP Laura Farris had asked why there are so many Groups? Helen feels it is a good message that the environment is becoming more main stream, but Penny questions whether there is also sometimes a duplication of effort and if we could all work together more efficiently.

How can we work better together and learn from others, eg. Aldbourne's group aiming for Carbon neutral in their village?

Med. **NB** Video of Local Farmers and their protection of land in order to protect streams and stream life.

SPRING CLEAN in HUNGERFORD. Covid-Safe LITTERPICK in and around TOWN.

Suggested by Ellie Dickins. Has been done before. Various methods with litter pickers. Could put photos on Soc. Med.. Daniel thinks we could borrow 6 from Pri. Sch.. Penny suggested linking with John Willmott & Team who lead on **Smarten up Hungerford**. Dog poo is a problem, being left about, emitting methane, and owners using plastic bags for collecting. Helen to get back to Ellie in response about it.

- 4) Local Reporting/Advertising.** Could we find someone to be in charge of Publicity?
Feb. Round-and-About. Short notice to say Heat are advising on Repair of items and growing your own!! This led to conversation about future Repair Shop, which will take time. Heat would need to find capable certificated people who can restore various things. Also would need insurance, esp. difficult with any electrical items. Penny familiar with Wantage Scheme. ACTION Henry to present a summary of the repair shop workshop he attended last year at our next monthly meeting.
Penny post congratulated for their coverage of Green issues.
Adviser published 2 articles recently on Fuel Cell Systems and the Lockdown Wood & Ceremony on 22 May.
- 5) Thermal Imaging Camera** owned by HEAT. This shows where heat escaping and is being loaned out to people on request. ACTION all to let Helen know if you would like to borrow it whilst it's still cold outside.
- 6) Freddie** is doing a tremendous job with **Social Media**, much appreciated as excellent way of spreading information about green issues and local activities. Anyone want to be added to What's App. not already on it?
- 7) LOOKING AHEAD.** **a)** Lockdown Wood Ceremony shared by Town and Manor, FoE Newbury, St Lawrence's Church and Heat. Book the date – 22 May 11 am.
b) Helen is in touch with Miri at West Berkshire Climate Action Network about relaunching Solar Streets and Warmer Streets, which we will promote when we relaunch them.
- 10) A. O. B.** Helen went round the group asking for any further points.
a) Helen recalled research on Green Energy done by Trish. People can use U-Switch. Octopus and Bulb recommended. **b)** Nicola C reported JoG Sch. will restart Eco Club in Year Group bubbles when Schools go back. **c)** Jonathan B asked about Car Charging – cost and usage. J D said normally it's Type 2. **d)** Henry mentioned that M and P Hardware are halving the size of their premises. Community Shop?! **e)** John D said Green Home Grant may be discontinued.
f) Frances recommended writing to Leader of Cumbria County Council to disapprove of the Whitehaven Coal Mine. In view of UK hosting the Glasgow Climate Change in November, a new coal mine seems insane. ACTION Frances to circulate the letter from FOE to use as a template, should we individually wish to write too.