

## **HEAT MINUTES – 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021**

### **PRESENT**

John Downe, Jonathan Bachcus, Freddie K Pocock, Henry Mills, Emma- Louise Haynes, Rose Somerset, Dennis Benneyworth, Helen Cukier, Daniel Cukier, Frances Lofthouse, Mark Lofthouse

- 1) Helen welcomed Dennis Benneyworth, WB District Councillor and resident.

**APOLOGIES** were received from George Thomas, John Ryder and Sylvia Judge

- 2) **ACTIONS** from last Meeting. All completed for the Lockdown Ceremony, which was a successful and meaningful occasion last Saturday, with young and older taking part, and a splendid banner created by the Primary School. Susan Millington has organised a Press Release, photos with report for the Newbury News.

Leaflet being prepared by Helen and John re EV Show, ready for handing out at 6<sup>th</sup> June Sunday Market and for house distribution in Hungerford.

Mark has organised E Bikes from Swindon to come to EV show, 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

Henry and John have arranged Invoices. 8 Car Dealers have signed up and paid so far, and about 12 local Electric Car owners have confirmed they will bring their cars.

- 3) Due to Zoom complications, the **WBC Environmental Talk** will be sent with these Minutes rather than heard in the meeting. It summarizes the LOCAL ACTION PLAN for Carbon Zero by 2030 in Berkshire.

- 4) **West Berks Green Exchange.** Frances reported that general meetings with speakers, will probably be called OPEN meetings in future so that members of all the local Green groups will feel it is for them, (these are separate from Committee meetings).  
At the recent WBGE Comm. there was a lengthy discussion about how the local Green Groups could work more effectively together, and be aware of each other's activities, and progress. Also, how there could be helpful 2-way engagement between WBC's Environmental Dept. and local supportive groups.  
The question arose about how carbon emissions are measured. John D said Gvt. Figures come out bi-annually, and are two years in arrears; they are measured by gas, oil, grid electricity, etc. Steven Walter is the Environmental Officer who will assess the County's Carbon Emissions.

- 5) Last Saturday's **Lockdown Wood Ceremony** was attended by just under 30 people. Speakers were Ellie Dickins (CEO T and M) Susan Millington, (F of E), Helen Cukier (Heat), Helen Simpson, (Mayor) and Rev Mike Saunders, from our Eco Church. Children read poems, and Banners were hoisted, and the trees were dedicated to those who had sadly lost their lives to Covid.

- 6) **EV Show, Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> July.** John D is calling an EV planning Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> June, by Zoom. He anticipates about 25 cars will be on show to the public. We need a MEGAPHONE, FLAGS, RAZAMATAZ, and as this will be the beginning of the HADCAF Festival, BUNTING and plenty of lift-off! MP, Laura Farris is unable to open the show, but Mayor to be asked. **ACTIONS** Jonathon will be at HADCAF meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> May, and check links/brochure, etc. John to check E Bike space. Frances to ensure WBGE are advertising the Show around the County. MARSHALLS needed. Rose and Frances said they did not have experience, but offered to help. John D asking Penny about tabarbs, and flags. Freddie was asked to put on Social Media with photos if possible. Henry checking Insurance. Henry confirmed bringing Hydrogen Toyota. Penny has contact with WB Radio. Penny also raised the importance of good signage through the Town.

- 7) Sunday Food and Artisan Markets** - dates : 6<sup>th</sup> June, 4<sup>th</sup> July and 8<sup>th</sup> August. Set up at 9, opens at 10. Frances was asked to label Marmalade as 'homemade'. HEAT have 2 tables, one for sales, eggs, M and P items, plants, etc. the second table used to advertise Heat and gather names of interested people to add to our mailing list. **ACTION** Frances to get Rota for 6<sup>th</sup> June. **ACTION** All to email HEAT or let Frances know if you can help at the next 3 markets. The more volunteers, the shorter the rota shifts.
- 8) Autumn Apple Harvest.** Helen spoke of last Autumn's efforts, and asked people to look out for folks with apple trees that we can help with picking, around the Town. We anticipate helping on the T and M Orchard again. Boxes of apples went to the Food Bank, to My Apple Juice, and to individuals last year.
- 9) TREES. ACTION.** Frances to put in application to Woodland Trust for 420 Wild Harvest for November 2021. We will work with the Church (as last year) to plant on the Marsh, this year close to the K and A Canal across from the Swing Bridge. Hungerford Primary School would like to be involved.
- 10) Meeting with Laura Farris MP.** John D has been in touch with Laura, and is waiting for her to suggest possible dates. Perhaps four people could represent Heat? List of priorities, bearing in mind COP 26?? **ACTION** all to let Helen or John know of any issues you'd like raised and/or if you'd like to join the meeting.
- 11) Thanks** were expressed to Freddie for his postings on Facebook etc. and it was suggested that World Environment Day – 5<sup>th</sup> June and World Oceans Day on the 8<sup>th</sup> June should be included. How could we engage?
- 12) A O B**
- DATES.** Next Canal Work Party, 10<sup>th</sup> June – 9 to 12-30. Sign up; - [vicar@stlawrenceshungerford.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stlawrenceshungerford.org.uk)
- REPAIR SHOP** meeting on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> with Mike Gilbert and Jonh Ryder. Henry has booked a table at the JoG Pub for 6 pm.
- TOWN BOARD.** Mark has put up a poster advertising the Newbury Building Soc. who now have a Green Mortgage.
- Volunteers – Rose has recently moved to Hungerford and is a willing Volunteer.
- Smarten up Hungerford and Litter pick-up – **ACTION** Helen to follow up.
- HEAT Social?** Helen though we might like to get together in person when Government rules allow.
- HEAT leaflet.** We are getting an A5 leaflet produced to advertise the EV show and HEAT. **ACTION** all to let Helen know (email to HEAT or message the WhatsApp group) if you can help distribute flyers. We are doing a joint leaflet drop with Hungerford Primary School to every house in Hungerford. Road names attached with these minutes.

