

HEAT MINUTES - Weds. 28th July

PRESENT

Helen Cukier (Chair), Daniel Cukier, John Downe, Jonathan Bacchus, Emma-L Hayley, Penny Locke, Henry Mills (Treasurer) Freddie K Pocock (Social Media) Mark Lofthouse, and Frances Lofthouse (Sec.)

APOLOGIES Rose Somerset

ACTIONS from last meeting. Attempt at Sunday Market Rota. Frances commented that people have different commitments each month.

Re Lockdown Wood Plaque; Sylvia has checked the gate with Frances and measured up, and is seeking help to construct, from Ramsbury craftsman.

FOLLOW-UP on EV SHOW John has written to all those who displayed a car. John felt there had been a lot of enthusiasm from private car owners.

Invoices have been sent to all car dealers. Some replies to come.

Frances commented on good Newbury News report with lots of photos!

Emma had Wantage Mayor talking at the Heat tent, and wanting to replicate show in Wantage!

Thank you to John's daughter, Daisy, for all her assistance in creating a video and for producing and donating the smart HEAT water bottles.

REPORT ON MEETING with MP, LAURA FARRIS

Helen and John D met the Newbury MP for 30 mins. last week. She listened to HEAT concerns; ground source heat pumps, sustainable transport, new houses and the need for eco facilities. They challenged Ms Farris on the urgency of these issues.

ZOOM COP26 MEETING set up by MP John D and Frances attended this on 16th July. Five speakers had been invited to give a short talk, concluding with Lord Benyon. Others were Cllr Steve Ardagh-Walter, Executive Member for WBC, Dr Prue Addison, Conservation Dir., for Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust, (BBOWT) Anne Forbes, Project Officer for ARK, and John Flesher, Head of Int. Progs., Con. Environmental Network.

Whilst there was much environmental work in progress, none-the-less John and Frances felt much more could be done.

Ms Farris reported work to get a new Bus Route between Newbury and Oxford.

Penny commented on the efficiency of local buses, and recommended.

FIRST REPAIR CAFÉ Mike Gilbert has asked for HEAT's response to the first café, and set up a Washing-up Meeting for all 'fixers' and others who were involved in Croft Hall on Fri. 6th Aug. at 6 pm. Generally thought to be a great success, with over 50 items brought for repair! Could there be repair to clothes? Coffee and refreshments welcome, but preferably not in plastic mugs. £p to be shared between Rotary, Heat and Thatcham RC, about £50 to each.

LOCKDOWN WOOD Plaque (see above) and Oak Saplings that Sylvia needs to find a home for; Frances has emailed Sylvia details of local landowners. **ACTION** Sylvia
ACTION - Helen to check Lockdown Wood Banner progress with Primary School.

SUNDAY MARKETS Discussion re the benefit of setting up a HEAT stand at each market. Decided not to have one on 8th Aug. as shortage of people available to mind, but to have a presence on Sunday 12th Sept. This will be from 10.30 am to 2.30 pm. It works well when Heat have events to advertise, e g **Repair Café on 19th Sept.** and **Apple Picking.**

ACTION Please let Frances know availability for both September and October markets, so a rota can be set up in advance.

APPLE PICKING in Hungerford and District.

ACTION Helen to speak to Ellie of Town and Manor about picking at the orchard again and of possibility of purchasing apple pickers.

ACTION Emma to look into trees available for picking. All to let Emma know of any potential trees that could be picked. We could help to facilitate Guides, Brownies and Scouts locally with My Apple Juice. Contacts?

WILD FLOWER MEADOW in ORCHARD

We have had a reply from Ellie Dickens, who is seeking more information.

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- 1) David Piper, Editor of CHAIN free Magazine, delivered to every house in Hungerford, has asked HEAT for dates to include. **ACTION** Frances to give him details of next REPAIR CAFÉ, APPLE PICKING and TREE PLANTING.
- 2) John concerned about people running their car engines when stationary. This is an offence and people can be fined. It is OK to point this out politely?
- 3) Henry offered to do a new bulk order for Essential Trading Co-operative Ltd, minimum of £300. Please let him know if you are interested and he'll include you in his email with the link to the online spreadsheet to complete.
- 4) **ACTION** Henry is working on HEAT Account at the Natwest Bank and will try to establish online banking. Helen to support if needed. Henry awaiting quarterly statement. Full review at next meeting.