

## HEAT MINUTES – 27<sup>TH</sup> OCT, 2021

1. **PRESENT** Helen Cukier (Chair) Jonathan Bacchus, John Downe (from 7.45), Emma-L Hayley, Frances (Sec.) and Mark Lofthouse, Penny Locke, Henry Mills (Treasurer), Tony Drewer-Trump, Rose Somerset, and Maria White.

2. **WELCOME & APOLOGIES** Daniel Cukier, Freddie Kansius, and Sylvia Judge

### 3. **MINUTES and ACTIONS from last Meeting.**

Lockdown Wood Plaque – Sylvia has produced a template, and is searching for a slate inscriber. **ACTION** Helen will liaise with Sylvia.

Primary School Banner – Helen has spoken to Nina Pugh and the banner is being stored at Hungerford Primary school, ready for when we want to put it up.

‘Thank You’ to Penny for the Orchard picking, and juicing, and for offering to buy an Apple Press. **ORCHARD.** Frances reported having emailed T and M about dates for fruit picking, but they are able to use T and M helpers this year. **NFA.**

Aldbourne Close and Denford Manor **APPLES.** **ACTION** Frances to enquire.

Hungerford Market. Maria reported that she had made notices to encourage Market users to bring and re-use their containers and bags. She will pursue this in the next weeks using the Heat Logo. Any helpers?

### 4. **NOVEMBER EVENTS - IDEAS**

**Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION (Linking with COP26)** Many ideas and suggestions.

**FL** - Green Balloons in town to attract attention (BUT only if we order some biodegradable ones)

**PL and TW** – Protest outside TESCO re Meat Production, was already done about a month ago, but we could continue to inform people about this on the day?

**MW** – Engine idling? **RS** – this is also a problem by the Station’s level crossing – put NOTICE there?

**HC** Use of Palm oil in various products?

**MW** Speed limits on the Common – going down to 30 mph, BUT Speed Bumps?

**ACTION** Frances to contact Town Hall and investigate if front steps free, and HEAT Volunteers could ask people what they are concerned about. **FLIP CHART?**

**ACTION** Rose, who is keen that we LISTEN to people’s concerns.

**NB** FoE in Newbury - Susan Millington are fund-raising for TREES for developing countries, on GLOBAL DAY.

5. **Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. REPAIR CAFÉ** Mike Gilbert has dropped off with Frances and Mark A5 leaflets, and A3 laminated POSTERS, but there is concern that Covid is on the rise.

**Rotary Club** will decide at their meeting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. whether to go ahead on the 13<sup>th</sup>. If we do, Henry offered to help distribute Posters, and Penny recommended duck-tape for fixing laminated posters and wire, or cable-ties. **ACTION** Frances to inform the group of the decision on 1<sup>st</sup>.

**ACTION** – **Volunteers** on the day, if go-ahead.

**VERY EXCITING** – We have been helping (through emails) ALDERSHOT TOWN to set up a new REPAIR CAFÉ.

## 6. Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. – TREE PLANTING

Frances has been contacted by WOODLAND TRUST to say there may be a delay in delivery of trees. They will keep us informed, but 20<sup>th</sup> November is still our date.

**ACTION** LOTS & LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! Town and Manor do not want us to plant the Dogwood and Blackthorn saplings in the hedge, SO we need to find a home for them. FL has asked T and M whether these could go on somewhere else on the Marsh, and awaiting reply. **ACTION All** – let Frances know if there is anywhere these saplings can be planted.

## 7. HOME ENERGY

John reported on a disused Care Home in Chestnut Walk, Hungerford, owned by WBC, but now become a Joint Venture with the Sovereign Housing Ass. To be replaced with 8 2-3 bedroom affordable Homes. HTC objected to the application partly on the lack of detail on the homes environmental standards related to heating etc. HTC has been attempting to point out to WBC that this development could be a showpiece exemplar of zero/low carbon emissions, and low running costs for occupants. John recommends that Heat Members could review the application and make appropriate comments. **ACTION** – all to either visit website to comment on the planning application and/or write to WBC about what you would like to see from this new development: <https://publicaccess.westberks.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QWAIGCRD0S100>

John described how he would like to promote an Event focussed on HOME ENERGY on the sort of scale that the EV Show was in July 2021. The idea was talked about, with general enthusiasm, recognising that it would take a lot of planning and preparation. Probably an indoor event – in Town Hall? – with Installers, Retrofits – issues with existing buildings such as installing heat pumps, and issues with new houses.

John has spoken to a HOME ENERGY CONSULTANT – who would expect a fee - - - The group felt that this project would be well worth doing, and that May 2022 might be a good time. Gvt. is setting up 90,000 £5K grants for Heat Pumps.

We agreed to pursue support of Green Groups in West Berks, and other nearby areas, such as Aldbourne. **ACTION** – John to draft an email Helen and Frances can send to other local groups, including West Berkshire Green Exchange.

## 8. FILM Agreed the Hub would not incur costs, and has a large screen. It would seat about 20 people, and the film of a N French town which has become Carbon Neutral would be inspiring and bring people together. (Finish with glass of wine?). **ACTION** –

Rose, Henry and Trish to discuss. Henry to check about whether we would need to pay a licence fee to show this film.

**9. Apple picking** – see above

**10. PLASTIC RECYCLING** Frances reported recent Email to WBC Environmental Dept. asking on behalf of HEAT, for kerbside plastic collection. They have forwarded our request to the Waste Management Dept., but there are issues to do with how to recycle the collections. Also, a letter was sent to Tesco's Manager requesting regular plastic collection of bread wrappers in car park, but also FAR LESS PLASTIC WRAPPING on and around food products.

**Bulk order.** Several people keen to engage, discussed LONELY LENTIL, Thatcham Refillable and Essential. Penny orders and collects from LONELY LENTIL weekly, Thatcham Refillable can deliver to your home weekly. Another way of reducing packaging. Suggested setting up a What's App. group specifically for this. Agreed that we will place an Essential order for some products. **ACTION** - Henry to share the login details for Essential website asap with FL (Essential's website <https://www.essential-trading.co.uk/>Username: henrymills1991@hotmail.co.uk/PW: he18rg170he) and everyone to enter their own orders and discard the old spreadsheet. All – if you would like to place a bulk order: add your orders to Essential; place orders directly through LONELY LENTIL and Thatcham Refillable, or visit Packing Not Included in Marlborough to stock up.

**11. NEWBURY FoE** - have a Zoom Meeting this Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> Oct. to plan their GLOBAL ACTION DAY on 6<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**12.A. O. B. ACTION** Helen to send HEAT Logo to Maria re signs at Market to Re-use Bags. Could be laminated to last --- Fish Stall keen.

**LEFT-OVERS** Penny – able to take stale bread for pigs. **ACTION** all to pass your stale bread on to Penny, if you have any.