



MINUTES of ZOOM MEETING. 27TH MAY 2020

PRESENT Helen Cukier (Chair), Daniel Cukier, Henry Mills, Susan Millington (FoE – Newbury), John Downe, Penny Locke, Tony Drewer-Trump, Frances and Mark Lofthouse

MINUTES from Previous Meeting were read

ITEMS DISCUSSED

Treasurer's Report

Henry is in contact with Tony, and will report back next month.

John asked if an Invoice could be established for use with car dealers re CAR SHOW.

Later Tony offered to send a Pro-forma to John for Invoicing Car Dealers.

Electric Vehicle Show

Sept. 19th remains viable. Car dealerships are back from 1st June. Next step to get Car Dealers to sign up and pay £50 to show their vehicles on the day.

Frances confirmed Croft Hall booked 10 – 4 pm, cost £125, to include use of kitchen facilities, but not alcohol, as this would be available at the Club.

Name of Show to be confirmed with Town Council, also Risk Assessment.

Other Autumn Dates. Hampstead Norreys **Green Festival**, 5th Sept. 10 to 4.30, date to be confirmed due to Virus.

Penny said **Food Festival** booked for 4th October.

TREES (a) Helen has shared Woodland Tree application with Claire Willsher, and Claire will order 420 trees for November, to be planted in range of places in/around Hungerford. (b) Helen welcomed Susan Millington from Newbury Friends of the Earth, and a full and useful conversation ensued re the Proposal to plant a LOCKDOWN MEMORIAL WOOD in Newbury, as part of the WBC's Environment Strategy for 2020/30.

Susan said the trees would be ordered soon, but also welcomed everyone's efforts to plant random tree seedlings. (Could be good family activity). FoE have had 90+ followers on Facebook. People may like to dedicate a biodegradable plaque in memory of a loved one, but the focus is on '*celebrating growth*' rather than being sombre.

FoE have rec'd enthusiasm from the Town and District Co.'s – sites to be decided, possibly one near Robinhood Roundabout.

Daniel said Woodland Trust send useful handbook and planting advice.

Fund-Raising details to be discussed. Possible appl. for Grants. Need a good LOGO!

Susan to forward Poster. **ACTION** Tony offered to print and laminate posters.

Council are interviewing this week for person to lead Environment Strategy.

POST LOCKDOWN Henry's letter very well received. Ideas being shared.

Suggested add **Lockdown Woods, Local Eco-friendly Shopping, and Repair Cafés.**

NB '**Jim the Bike**' – currently very busy at 5 York Rd. Hungerford. Mark later confirmed that Gvt. are offering £50 vouchers to repair a bike to use to cycle to work!

Please give feedback on REPAIR CAFES – Penny would include in Penny Post Eco page.

ACTION Henry to liaise with Helen and aim to get copy of Post Lockdown letter to MP Laura Farris by this Sunday. Helen to add colour, but see also reply from WBGE.

Many thanks to Henry for updating HEAT Website.

Other local Green Groups Activities?

Late reply from Richard Foster, Chair of West Berks Green Exchange.

Miriam of WBCAN talked with MP, **Laura Farris**, in March and Richard and Ken with FoE in April (by Zoom) re the importance of seeing environmentally optimistic (changed) way of life after Lockdown. WBGE have a Committee meeting next week. Could we get a copy of Henry's completed letter to them in time??

Hybrid Heating Scheme

John has also had slightly late reply re this **scheme to reduce gas usage.**

He is looking for volunteers to be 'guinea pigs' (without commitment) in the Autumn.

A.O.B.

Helen is chasing SOLAR PANELS FIRM.

Please let Frances know if you would like veg. plants currently surplus to requirements.

