



MINUTES of ZOOM MEETING 24TH JUNE 2020

APOLOGIES Tony Drewer-Trump

PRESENT Helen Cukier (Chair), Daniel Cukier, Henry Mills, Penny Locke, John Downe, Steve Bickell, Clare Lister, David Gleeson, Trish Witham, Mark Lofthouse, Frances Lofthouse

Agenda Introductions, and Helen welcomed Steve Bickell and Clare and David from Inkpen.

ITEMS ARISING from May Meeting

Penny confirmed that the Food Festival is on target for 4th October. Also, that she hopes to commence the Sunday Markets from 19th July, albeit with wider spread stalls using the High Street and the Croft Activity Centre.

ELECTRIC CAR SHOW John has researched Car Dealers who were previously keen to participate, BMW, Honda, Nissan, etc., and, as they anticipate focussing on sales, and other essential post lockdown activity in Sept., are NOT available for EV Show in Sept. in Hungerford. Therefore, suggested that local EV owners might bring their cars and be willing to discuss with public 'pro's and con's' on 4th Oct. alongside the Food Festival. Suggested we investigate using the space behind the Tri Station, and possibly in front, with clear signage. **Action** Frances to enquire.

AUTUMN TREE-PLANTING Helen has talked with Claire Willsher who plans to order 420 tree saplings from Woodland Trust for the Lockdown Woods project Susan Millington (from Friends -the-Earth, who joined May Heat meeting) spoke to the group about. Therefore Helen needs to find another group to put the order through for the trees, as there are other locations in Hungerford where trees would be welcomed, e g Rugby Club.

Henry has link. **Action:** Helen to speak to Helen Simpson from Hungerford Town Council and Henry to speak to his contact.

Discussed planting methods, trees close together, or increased bio-diversity to be more widely spaced? Shalbourne are planting trees on their Cricket Field.

Treasurer's Report. Discussion as to best eco Bank to use. Henry and Helen in conversation with Tony Drewer-Trump. **Action:** Helen to speak to Tony, so it can all be passed over to Henry.

SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS

John welcomed Steve Bicknell, a chartered Surveyor, with special interest and expertise in this field. Steve outlined 5 'bottlenecks' that need to be overcome.

1. Cost 2. Ownership – conflict of interest between landlords and tenants. 3. People slow to adapt to new technology. 4. Skills. 5. Attitudes, but the tide is turning as people see that there is money in a Greener future. Better resilience on Stock Market, as these issues move into mainstream thinking. Steve currently involved with 100 homes/development in Kent. HUNGERFORD IN THE FUTURE? Steve suggested that it is critical to have overarching sustainable principles, to reduce carbon. Laminated timber; pre-fab. construction, Water. Air. Light. Solar. Electric heating. Shared amenities, such as shared EV's, and Guest Studio. Shared garden, and compost. Green skills.

But for all of this to happen, Land-owners need to be on board!

Regret that 100 houses being built off A338 are the trad. model, without even Solar Panels. "We need Vision, and Grants, and Private Equity Investment to change trends and shape the Future". There can be many advantages for families e.g. with 2 working parents who are paying rent ----- etc. They can apply for Gvt. Grants for glazed windows, insulation, and EV car pool.

Helen asked if Steve might consider a Stall at the Hampstead Norrrys GREEN FESTIVAL, hopefully to be held on 5th Sept. **Action:** Helen to send Steve Lesley's contact details.

JUNE NEWSLETTER with 10 Suggestions as to a GREENER POST-LOCKDOWN

Henry and Helen sent this Mailchimp circulation to HEAT's 550 contacts. Henry suggested creating a local Green Directory with people like Jim, the Bike-----

Mark – the Glasgow Climate Change Summit is scheduled for November. When the last Global Summit took place in Paris, 3 years ago, France thoroughly prepared the Green Agenda; however, partly because of the pandemic, much less preparation is evident this year. Frances commented that several Charities have sent a petition to the Gvt. requesting more sustainable measures post lockdown.

CYCLE ROUTES/CAR SHARING in HUNGERFORD

As a cyclist, Trish has written to Hungerford Co. asking about the possibility of having some local CYCLE LANES/ROUTES. Experience of local cycling with several of us, shows post-lockdown car fumes are increasing. Disappointing negative response from Council.

Motor-bikes and bikes can slow cars, by moving more into the road, making it less easy for cars to pass, and this is recommended. The Gvt. does have £225 mill. to promote cycle routes.

NB More people die of Respiratory Conditions than from Covid 19.

Could we stage a CYCLISTS MASS RALLY in HUNGERFORD, and establish a presence?

Action: Henry to share his suggested cycle route and look into the possibility of this for Hungerford.

HYBRID HEATING SCHEME John's initiative with EDF is on-going. They can assess for LPG or OIL conversion, but currently not from gas. EDF is struggling to find a sustainable commercial model.

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David asked about 'Ground source heat pumps'. Would need a specialist company.

Also, about Solar Panels. Helen related IDDEAS Company's Scheme for cluster of houses to get 14 panels each – with 25% discount for each participant (£3725 instead of £5000).

Action: Helen to send David and Clare contact details for IDDEA and for John to discuss ground source heat pumps.

Mark asked if the Charging Points in Hungerford could be better labelled?

Eco-bricks. Please use plain bottles (not milk bottles with handles)

Primary School may take some when they re-open.

Bulk buying. Contact Henry if you are interested in sharing from a bulk food order from Essential Food Co-operative.

XR RALLY in Newbury – Thursday 25th – meet at Bandstand at 11-30.

