



HUNGERFORD ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM

MINUTES of ZOOM MEETING 29TH July 2020

APOLOGIES Merlene Paul, Claire Barnes, Steve Bicknell, Clare Lister and David Leeson

PRESENT Helen Cukier (Chair) Daniel Cukier, Henry Mills, John Downe, Penny Locke, Susan Millington, Mark Lofthouse, Frances Lofthouse, (joined later) Tony Drewer-Trump, Trish Witham

- 1 Reading the Minutes from 24th June, led to brief discussion re Tree Planting and the Food Festival.
- 2 At the Sunday Market on 19th July, tree saplings were given to 15 people, 10 names signed up to plant trees on early December, and 10 new people asked to receive the HEAT Newsletters. Penny confirmed that there will be a similar monthly Market on Sun. 9th August, and 6th Sept.. **ACTION** Frances and Mark will attend on 9/8/20 to recruit people for tree planting etc.. Others Welcome!
- 3 Henry (Treasurer) reported that the NatWest account is being transferred to Nationwide which is more eco-friendly. Paying in/cheque book cleared. Expenses. Past 3 years insurance, £409 was owing back to Tony and is now cleared. Balance approx.. £100 petty cash. Heat needs to raise some money. **ACTION** All
- 4 **TREES**. Daniel said he had tried to establish the number of tree saplings in the school field that will need replacing. Maintenance has been a problem during 'lockdown'.
LOCKDOWN WOODS. The posters Tony laminated have been placed round the Town.
Susan Millington (Newbury FoE) reported lots of interest in this idea in the wider village area. 5 villages have expressed interest in growing new lockdown woodlands.
Two sites allocated in Newbury. 1) Town Council meet in mid Sept. and hope to approve a site that will house 315 trees. 2) Site owned by District Co. also looking hopeful, which will house 100 trees. Claire Willsher has ordered 420 trees from Woodland Trust.
Helen has spoken to Jed Town and Manor CEO, re the lockdown Wood on the Marsh, and to Helen Simpson (Hung. Mayor) re planting in/around the Town. Helen pointed out that the long-term maintenance of trees takes quite a proportion of the town's budget. Council meet in Sept.
Frances said Woodland Trust expected date of sapling delivery is second half of November. Therefore agreed dates for planting 840 trees on the Marsh is Thurs. 3rd and possibly Sat. 5th December, in/around Hungerford.
WE NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS. It would be good to visit the sight.
ACTION Helen will send out Heat Newsletter with details.

- 5 FOOD FESTIVAL. 4th October. Penny confirmed that she hopes a slimmed-down version of this will go ahead, with minimal activities in view of Covid. TOWN HALL venue tbc. She requests a HEAT STALL, to talk to people about Trees and Bikes. **ACTION** ALL

Positioning of privately owned ELECTRIC VEHICLES on the day was subject to discussion. Small car-park by CHAIN Office and back of Russell Marshall suggested, also behind the old Barclays. Other central car park areas to be investigated. There are approx. 8./10 EV to show.

ACTION John

FUTURE PLANS FOR AN ELECTRIC CAR SHOW – hoping for SPRING 2021. John and Mark have list of contacts.

- 6 CYCLING IN THE TOWN. Full discussion ensued. **ACTION** Henry and Trish
Everyone keen to promote greener transport. Points suggested. Family Cycling Day in Hungerford Frances (Cycling not welcome on Common.) (Tony)
Have cycle parking area(s) in town. Make cycle lanes in town, but unlikely with the parking bays. Any way of making cycling more friendly in Hungerford??
TRAVELLING to Newbury. Discussed using back lanes, but often narrow and more hilly. John would like Council to explore possibility of creating Cycle Lanes where there are disused pavements. Would need survey to check usage, as this would be expensive. Can people take bikes on the train?? Paula Sanderson – keen environmentalist. **ACTION** Frances to contact.
Car Sharing is an alternative.
- 7 HYBRID HEATING SCHEME. Green Deal from Gvt.. Anyone with PV on roof could be targeted. Gas could be removed. Details should come in October. **ACTION** John sending Penny details.
- 8 HEAT DISPLAY Board under the Bridge. Town Centre. **ACTION** Frances and Mark. Write to TC. Need to get board made. Size important.
- 9 SOLAR PANELS. IDEAS are open again, Daniel and Helen have applied, and will share Information and up-date in next news-letter
- 10 LABELLING of CHARGING POINTS. John asked for stickers to be produced. Please move on when fully charged.
- 11 HAMPSTEAD NORRYS GREEN FEST. on Sat. 5th Sept. – sadly this has been cancelled for this year.
- 12 ORCHARD, alongside the A4. Helen has asked T and M to next meeting to talk about how we can work collaboratively and will include in next newsletter to see if we can get any interest.

The next meeting will be Weds. 26th August