

MINUTES of HEAT ZOOM MEETING - 25TH NOV. 2020

PRESENT Helen Cukier, (Chair), Daniel Cukier, Henry Mills, John Downe, Susan Millington, Penny Locke, Nicola Chester, Jonathan Bacchus, Emma-Louise Hayes, Freddie Kanisius Pocock, Trish Witham, Tony Drewer-Trump, Mark Lofthouse, Frances Lofthouse

1) There were no Apologies.

Helen welcomed Nicola Chester from John-O-Gaunt School, and everyone introduced themselves. Nicola related that the Hungerford Secondary School is an Eco-School; that the Head is keen on Community Outreach, and Ambitious.

2) **ACTIONS from last meeting;**

- a. Henry has spoken to the Cycling Proficiency Officer.
- b. Daniel has set up QR Code - on Town Board; & will get QR for NHS for the tree planting.
- c. John has drafted Gvt. Green Homes Grant information and Helen has sent out a mailchimp newsletter about it.
- d. Final Orchard Apple picking was cancelled because of Covid restrictions.
- e. Frances said Tree Planters so far are 18 for 5th Dec. and 8 for 10th; not sure about Church volunteers.
- f. Jonathan can get a cheaper 'Zoom' system, called *Gypsy*. WBCAN getting new Zoom sub, that we can use for one-offs if we contribute towards it .

3) **TREE PLANTING** – points to note; the Ceremony will be in the Spring;

Helen has edited the Risk Assessment that Susan kindly shared with us and Penny has checked. Please wear masks.

Prep. On site. Daniel to join Rob Starr and Jimmy to trim area, on 3rd Dec.

Also to paint stakes as guidance to trees, Goats Willow, Hawthorn, Crabb Apple, Hazel and Downy Willow. Some are for hedging.

At the site on 5th and 10th Dec. NB No loo! 8.45 am Robb Starr will transport boxes to site; Helen to set up table for QR, signing in, and hand sanitizer. H and S. First Aid.

PARKING – limited; **ACTION** Trish to ask HAHA if we can park in the allotment car park, but added that volunteers mustn't block anyone in. Ample Parking on Industrial Estate, on the Saturday.

Susan has friend bringing Field Maple, Oak, Rowan and Walnut in memory of loved ones. **ACTION** Frances to get bigger guards from Barlows, Hermitage. **ACTION**

Penny providing blue Tabards and Dettol wipes.

Daniel will give demo. of planting method.

ACTION Tony laminating sign posters to assist planters.

Surplus trees. **ACTION** Nicola will check J-o-G Sch. availability due to die-back and get back to Helen before 5th December.

ACTION Daniel to check Primary Sch. likewise.

HTC unable to accommodate trees for Rugby Club at the moment.

ACTION Helen will give any saplings left over from the 100 separate saplings from WBCAN to the farmer who has offered to take them, via WBCAN on 5th.

- 4) Be aware. We discover that some Mailchimp, HEAT Newsletters, Penny Post are going into people's Spam and Promotions, and so being over-looked.

However, **big push to link accounts and widen influence!!**

Trish, Penny and now Freddie too doing **Facebook**. Helen thanked Freddie who has set up our new **Instagram**, and **Twitter accounts**. Henry keeping abreast of **Website** taking John's discovery of Bill Acworth's original Heat Website and transferring ---- **ACTION** Tony assisting with either getting the old site taken down or redirecting browsers to our active account.

ACTION Everyone. Add photos to **What's App**.

5) **HEAT BOARD under Town Bridge.**

Currently posters re EV Charging Points. Warmer Streets. Tree Planting & QR Code.

ACTION Frances and Mark after tree planting in December, change to 10 tips for an ECO-FRIENDLY CHRISTMAS, and PHOTOS OF TREE PLANTING

- 6) **FINANCES**. Henry reported that the Insurance is renewed for another year with Zurich, and he is investigating using the ethical Bank, TRIODOS.

7) **TRANSPORT**

John reported he had rec'd a few replies re Zoom EV Car Owners; as we're not aware of any E-bike owners and this is an owners sharing their own experiences, unless we find an e-bike owner we won't include them in the virtual event, but would definitely be included in SHOW in 2021.

Trish and Henry active in setting up SURVEY MONKEY re Cyclists in Hungerford.

They have consulted with a Cycling Professional, Caroline Lane. **ACTION** Trish to give Frances draft to circulate. All to respond with ideas for questions to include. John referred to recent TC Highways Committee, suggesting bike 'lock-up facility by Hungerford Community HUB.' Also, long-term, Bike-Lane along the A4 with charging point by Half-Way Pub!!

8) **ORCHARD**. **ACTION**. Helen sending apple email out to 'thank you' to all who picked apples and to ask if anyone would like to purchase apple juice in time for Christmas. Ellie Dickens (CEO of Town and Manor) has drafted some text to include about asking if anyone wants to get involved in the orchard longer term. **ACTION** Helen to ask Ellie if she would like help pruning fruit trees in January and whether she can set up a workshop to teach volunteers how to do it. Several HEAT members interested. Henry to put ED's statement on Website.

9) MYAPPLEJUICE Heat to sell Apple Juice – profits for HEAT.

10) GREEN FUTURE AFTER LOCKDOWN? Let's all write to MP - WBCAN template
<https://everyoneofus.uk/cee-bill-mp-letter>

Our MP Laura Farris, is not supporting the CEE Bill, as she argues a lot of Green Initiatives are already happening. Better to use your own wording, but this template is a good start that can be adapted.

11) A. O. B.

John said Green Homes Grant is extended to March 2022.

Henry asked who interested in Bulk Order of Food and Toiletries? (Min. £300)

Jonathan asked about Solar Panels, and Hydro Cars. **ACTION** Henry to investigate getting a Talk about FuelCells' exciting developments. January? Helen to speak to Jonathan about their experience of solar panels through IDDEA.

Please share photos on our WhatsApp group for Freddie to use on Social Media.

Trish reported good news that Nuclear Facility at Aldermaston has been re-Nationalised. It had been on special measures for the past 7 years and will probably continue to be on them for the next few.

Emma-Louise requested Hedge Planting Instructions. **ACTION** Mark.

Penny. Campaign to stop Food Waste OLIO, someone from Lambourn is currently picking up from Tesco in Hungerford 2-3 times a week and distributing food. If she stops, does anyone want to take this on? Further details from Penny. **ACTION** let Penny know if you are interested, or if you know of any Community Fridges in Hungerford that could be used to store the food e.g. community centre.

SMART METERS - Daniel and John recommended the benefits of getting a smart meter and moving onto a variable tariff and making use of night-time Electricity, which is usually greener than peak time electricity.

Helen keen to promote WARMER STREETS initiative. NB FREE SURVEY from Instagroup for roof and cavity wall insulation.

Next Meeting – virtual drink in December? Zoom HEAT meeting on Weds. 6th January.