

HEAT MINUTES of Zoom Meeting – 5th Jan. 2021

- 1) **PRESENT** Helen Cukier, (Chair) Daniel Cukier, Jonathan Baccus, Belinda Coote, John Downe, Freddie Kanisius Pocock, (Sec. Social Media), Frances Lofthouse, (Sec.) Mark Lofthouse, Henry Mills, (Treasurer) John Ryder, Trish Witham.

APOLOGIES Rose Somerset, Nicola Chester, Emma-Louise Hayley

Helen welcomed John Pryder.

- 2) **ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING** Daniel unable to make 'tree' progress with Reception Class at Primary School due to 'lockdown'.
Tony re Old Heat site/browser – **ACTION** Frances to contact Tony.
Please everyone, add photos to What's App. for Freddie to put on Social Media.
The assumption will be that if you post them on WhatsApp that you are happy for them to be used for social media purposes, so please ensure you have permission for anyone else in the photos.
Trish to give Cycling Survey to Frances for distribution. Henry has spoken to Caroline Lane, Coordinator for Spokes Cycling Organisation.
Apple Juice for Sale – not emailed it due to the Covid restrictions of people collecting.
Community Fridges - Update needed from Penny.

3) **REFLECTIONS ON 2020 and looking forward to 2021**

Helen felt HEAT had succeeded in getting more interest in the Town in the past year, through Monthly Zoom meeting, Newsletters, Social Media, Sunday Market Stall during the Summer, and latterly the Town Board. But most of all, through two Tree Planting Events, in March and in early December.

Sadly the Electric Car Event was postponed again, but thanks to Covid, many more people turned to their bikes and walking.

Hopes for 2021 Some sort of Ceremony of the TREE PLANTING. We agreed that March is too early due to Coronavirus restriction and May would be a nice time to all gather, if we're allowed to by then. **ACTION** Helen to speak to Susan Millington. If anyone is interested in having a shared community allotment, this is something we can explore for the group at Marsh Lane. **ACTION** all to let Helen know if you are interested and would like her to enquire.

Promote Landowners to plant more trees? Contact Lord Richard Benyon initially.
Virtual electric car Q&A event with owners in Jan./Feb. and hopefully a live ELECTRIC CAR EVENT later in the year.

- 4) **Re WOODLAND TREE Order for March.** The WT have technical problems on their Website which is delaying the order. **ACTION** Frances to pursue. Helen to give Frances Ed Crawshaw's email.

- 5) **CYCLING/TRANSPORT in Hungerford.** Trish and Henry working on Survey, with view to publishing them when results known. **ACTION** Please could John carry enthusiasm forward to the Council? **ACTION** Henry to make poster for the Town board.
Much interesting stuff on old website 1953 'The Panther Cycling Club' and 1964.
- 6) **VIRTUAL CAR EVENT** John has invented a Quiz which has had first outing and please could it be put on Social Media, (**ACTION** Freddie) to stimulate people asking more questions about driving an electric car. Event planned for Weds. 3rd Feb. at 7 pm. John would Chair, and will confirm Panel Participants who could answer questions about purchasing/driving/charging an electric vehicle.
ACTIONS Freddie – Social Media, Mark - Town Board.
- 7) **REPAIR SHOP** When John Ryder moved to Hungerford in October, he brought with him an experience of a Repair Shop that he'd seen in action in Farnham, where Volunteers offer to do repairs for people needing assistance; a way of recycling and re-using ----- There is general interest and enthusiasm for this idea. Daniel talked about ways we'd done Swap Shops in the past, and the idea of a Repair Shop (perhaps one day a month?) is something John will explore in the coming months.
- 8) **John-o-Gaunt Sec. School.** Frances read Nicola Chester's email about the School's aim to earn an Eco Bronze Award. Currently there is enthusiasm, with an Eco Club, although it is difficult at present with lockdown restrictions. However, the first meeting with the Year 10 bubble has taken place, and they hope to audit the School and then set up projects to include scientists, writers, artists, poets, leaders, etc. See <https://www.eco-schools.org.uk>
- 9) **COULD WE AIM TO BECOME AN ECO-TOWN?** (Like Marlborough??!)
- 10) **HEAT PUBLICITY ACTIONS**
Henry updating Website. Freddie using photos from Whats'App. on Social Media. Trish on Facebook when time allows. Frances and Mark on Town Board.
- 11) **ORCHARD** Helen said Ellie Dickens (CEO of Town and Manor) wants some areas of scrub cleared and Thistles / deadwood and areas that need clearing. Henry and John R said they would be interested. Ellie would like to arrange an apple pruning course, but can't do so at present due to the Coronavirus. (Trish interested)
ACTION Helen to talk to Ellie to find out how many volunteers she needs for the scrub clearance work. **All** – to let Helen know if you are interested in volunteering to help with the winter clearing work.
Other people may be interested, restrictions permitting.

12) A. O. B.

From Susan Millington – Tree Ceremony. In Newbury they are inviting individuals to create their own dedication of a tree to a loved one.

John D reported that WBC are consulting on the first draft of the local homes plan, and it is possible/desirable that people engage any time up to 5th Feb..

ACTION – check website - ALL

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 27th January, AGM - AT 7PM. Presentation and Q&A session with FUELCell at 7:30PM. 8:15 to 9pm – action planning for 2021.

ACTION Helen to contact WBCAN to see if we can use their Zoom account.