

HEAT MINUTES – 24TH November, 2021

1. **PRESENT** Helen Cukier (Chair) Daniel Cukier, Rev. Mike Saunders, Penny Locke, Jonathan Bacchus, Maris White, John Downe, Sylvia Judge, Henry Mills (Treasurer), Freddie P Kansius (Social Media), Emma-L Hayley, Pat Glover, Sylvia Judge, Mark Lofthouse, Frances Lofthouse (Sec.)
2. **APOLOGIES** John Ryder, Rose somerset, Trish Witham
3. **HELEN WELCOMED Rev Mike Saunders** who thanked everyone for their help in the planting of 700 tree saplings last Saturday on the Marsh and welcomed people to help with further tree planting in Coombe on Thurs. 9th Dec. – meet at Church with spade at 9 am. Woodland trust have sent 840 trees, twice as many as was expected, so lots of volunteers would be greatly appreciated! Mike is organising an **ECO CONFERENCE** on the 18th June 2022, probably in St Lawrence. 4 Speakers; Bishop Olivia (Local Church Eco Leader) Dr Mike Morecroft (Principle Scientist of Natural England) Margot Hodson and Helen Stephens who leads an Eco Church. There are 40,300 Churches in the UK. 4000 are Eco Green Churches. Locally, St Lawrence has it's bronze and hoping for its silver award shortly; St Georges, Wash Common is carbon neutral, Aldbourne has bronze Eco award, and Ramsbury has won regular awards for care of its Churchyard. Mike would like each Church to give 3/4 min. talk about their green activities, and is inviting WBC to attend. Please forward suggestions for the day to Mike by 3rd Dec..
John D commented that HEAT is planning a HOME ENERGY EVENT (similar to the EV Show) in May 2022.
Penny had attended a Green event in St Nic's in Newbury.
4. **MINUTES/ACTIONS from Oct. meeting. Plaque** for Lockdown Woods. Helen has been in contact with Ellie Dickens. T and M will eventually remove the fence and gate, so the cows can roam over the area, so ongoing dialogue re position of plaque and its size. **Apple** harvest very poor this Autumn, almost none to pick in orchard.
Re, **Energy** for affordable homes in Chestnut Walk, John recommended commenting by 3rd Dec. to Sovereign Homes and WBC. REGISTER first on website.
Henry has placed Bulk Order.
Penny can take stale bread for feeding pigs.
5. **RECYCLING** Helen plans to invite lady from the HUB, with recycling info., to January Meeting which will also be a 2022 PLANNING Meeting. Currently, there is much un-coordinated recycling effort.
NB. Yana in Thatcham collects tin foil etc., etc. for recycling as set up by TERRACYCLE (Check the website). Check THATCHAM REFILLABLE WEBSITE.
Penny commented that through East Garston Facebook group, people can arrange to 'swap items'.

Wrapping paper sold in Smiths is 'recyclable'.

Maria confirmed Co-op does have receptible by the door for 'soft' plastics.

NB. Church is supporting TWAN – an organisation for recycling all kinds of tools. (SEE ATTACHMENT).

In 2022 Helen would like to concentrate on about 6 items throughout the year, one of these being RECYCLING.

6. **LOTTERY APPLICATION** (Helen and John)

Lisa Hill (retired teacher) of WBGE applied for a Gvt. Grant to put PV on the roofs of Compton Sec. School. She suggested to John and Helen that HEAT apply for a grant for Energy Event in 2022. The application was submitted last week and we'll find out if we were successful in the next few months.

7. **Eco FILMS** in Hungerford Hub or Croft Hall. Henry, Rose, and Trish met to discuss this on 22nd Nov. They would like to show 3 films a year, the first date in the Croft, is first Weds. in Feb. (Hire, incl. Bar, is £57) They suggest it is free to attendees, but ask for donations. Penny suggested that we all watch the first film together before the public showing so we can have a more informed discussion about it and any next steps we'd like to take. Helen said that the Hub is free to us to hire and has a big screen, so we could meet in January to watch.

Action: Henry to speak to Trish and Rose about this idea.

AIM is to spread the Green message, and open discussions. Daniel also mentioned another film a friend of his was involved in that could be shown is 'Kiss the Ground.com'

8. Heat has received an email from someone asking for gardening helpers in a block of flats for older people. Helen asked the purpose of this, if there was an environmental element to it? Frances gave the 'Smartening up Hungerford' email, c/o John Willmott.
9. Pre Xmas Drinks at John O'Gaunt Pub on Wednesday 1st December from 8pm in the outdoor space. Frances has booked a few tables. **Action all:** let Frances know if you can make it so she can ensure we've booked enough space.
10. COP26 and COP27

Much comment as to success or failure of success for recent World Conference in Glasgow. Fossil Fuels were agreed to be a major cause of the Planet's present crisis. The next Climate Change conference will be in Egypt, and will be even more crucial.

The opening and closing Ceremonies from Glasgow can be seen on YouTube and the opening speeches from leaders and activists around the world were very inspirational. Helen commented that on the Global Day of Action in the Town, she was surprised at the number of people who were still claiming to be climate change deniers. We have about half the leaflets over. Maria and Sylvia willing to help Frances post these through letter-boxes.

A O B

- a) ARK has contacted HEAT re 'Sparkling Streams' initiative. Dates 1st or 3rd Dec. Volunteers requested (attached). **Action all:** contact ARK directly if you would like to volunteer.
- b) **Action:** Henry to contact Richard Paget at 'My Apple Juice' to order box of juice to sell at Film Show.
- c) Date for planning meeting of next year's Heat Activities in Hub. on 11th Jan, 7-9pm. **Action all:** Please put the date in your diary and let Frances know if you can make it or if you would rather join by Zoom, so we can set this up. Please bring along Drinks and Nibbles to share.
- d) National Tree Week = 27th Nov. to 5th Dec.
- e) Maria has spoken to Ellie Dickens re an A Board on Town Hall Steps and has offered to put it out and store it at her home when it's not in use. Helen suggested we purchase one if we are successful with funding application.
- f) Town Heat Board. *"HAVE A GREEN CHRISTMAS"*
- g) Penny announced that a new title for Hungerford Food Festival brand who also organise the monthly Markets 7 times a year is to be rebranded as 'Hungerford Food Community'. She also suggested workshops on reducing Food Waste. (Love Food, hate Waste). She asked if local Chefs could run cooking classes.
Action: Helen to give Penny the contact details for Love Food Hate Waste person who ran a workshop for Heat some years ago.
- g) Pat Glover to join What's App Group.
- h) Emma informed the group that reluctantly she is leaving Ramsbury and would

regret not being able to join in activities for now. **Action all:** Let Emma know if you hear of anywhere for sale in one of the Hungerford surrounding villages, as she'd like to move back asap. We wish you well and thank you for all your support for HEAT, Emma.

Please see links below recommended by Penny :-

<https://engageearth.uk/topical-and-inspiring-talks>

<https://www.greenpeace.org.uk/news/howsupermarkets-can-halve-plastic-packaging>

<https://www.recyclenow.com/what-to-do-with-plastic-film>

<https://www.gndrising.org/update/the-green-new-deal-bill-has-launched>

<https://www.riverkennet.org/get.../practical-volunteering>