



## High Wycombe Community Board

### Environment & Climate Change Subgroup Meeting Minutes

11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Attendees:** Arif Hussain, Rebecca Nutley, Fehzan Mehdi, Jean James, Stephen Morton, Penelope Tollitt, Ellen Hawes, Bill Chapple, Lesley Clarke, Tony Green, Charmaine Fyffe, Ray Farmer, Alan Hill, Sarfaraz Raja, Sally Jay, Rafiq Raja, Brian Pearce, Alan Hill, Fay Ewing

#### Apologies

John Shaw – Chiltern Rangers

#### Actions/Issues from last meeting

Jacqueline Ford, Economic Development Officer and High Wycombe Bidco to be invited to next meeting.

- **Action: Fay Ewing**

Recycling bins were a cause of concern. These can be processed through Buckinghamshire Council web site, where a survey will be carried out of the area. Sarfaraz or Fay can be contacted if assistance needed with this.

David Rowley is keen to work on prevention work for fly tipping. If there are any areas that are still an issue, if these could be highlighted, we can go back to David who will support us. They have Community litter pickers and bags which groups can request. When group activities can be done again this is something, we can organise with the waste team. There is an opportunity for the Community Board to fund some litter grabber pickers and potentially the Waste Team would match fund this.

- **Action: Fay Ewing**

Link for Keep Britain Tidy campaign <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/network-conferenceawards/awards#:~:text=Litter%20Initiative%20of%20the%20Year,improvements%20to%20local%20environmental%20quality>.

Application from John Shaw at Chiltern Rangers is still being processed.

- **Action: John Shaw**

Penelope Tollitt presented a proposal which aims to help residents, businesses and other organisations make changes to cut carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, boost biodiversity and enhance the environment. It was advised that anyone interested would be involved in weekly meetings to move this forward.

It was suggested that schools and youth groups be involved with this incentive as they were not included in the original listing. These groups are often the keenest and it is a route into the family life. A poster competition would be a possibility to get children involved. Also, the religious element of environment should be brought in. The group supported the proposal.

In recognition of Frances Alexanders commitment to the environment and all her efforts with the Environmental Centre it was suggested that an award for schools, best front garden, etc be awarded in her name.

- **Action: Penelope Tollitt to look at tying this incentive in with the Great Marlow School Eco Conference, Bucks Food Partnership and Public Health Initiative.**
- **Action: Penelope Tollitt to revise and prepare the document to a one page vision.**
- **Action: Penelope Tollitt/Fay Ewing to determine those who want to be more active on this group, have a meeting and report back on what is being done.**

Ellen Hawes asked the group if they would consider supporting or endorsing the Solar Streets Scheme in High Wycombe? The scheme is solar domestic PV installations based on economies of scale, so costs of surveys and installations are reduced by delivering several installations in one go. Green Group organise the scheme in a local area and work with an installer who carries out the installations. What is needed is an umbrella group to endorse it across an area and the suggestion is that this group could be part of that. Next steps are to ask the Green Group to give a presentation on how the scheme works and how it might work for High Wycombe.

- **Action: Sarfaraz Raja to take away and discuss with colleagues and respond to Ellen Hawes**

Next meeting

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