



## Community Board High Wycombe

Action Group: Environment and Climate Change

Meeting date: 6 September 2021

### ACTION NOTES

**Present:** Sarfaraz Raja, Fay Ewing, John Shaw, Ellen Hawes, Marten Clarke, Maddy Howe, Imran Hussain, Philip Hynard, Nathan Thomas, Sally Jay, Karen Bates, Stephen Morton, Philip Hynard

**Apologies:** Lesley Clarke, Arif Hussain, Penelope Tollitt

No	Topic	Lead
1	<b>Welcome</b> Sarfaraz welcomed everyone to the meeting.	Sarfaraz Raja
2	<b>Chiltern Ranges and Wild Pear (Sowing the Seeds to a Net Zero Carbon Buckinghamshire Project)</b>  This is a cross board project also working with the Beaconsfield & Chepping Wye and Amersham Community Boards.  This project will be starting on the 23 September, working with schools and local community groups in each of these areas, and will involve taking people out into the local woodlands to collect lots of seeds. Chiltern Rangers will then be making large walk in cages so they can grow the seeds on to trees. There will be cages on the school's grounds so the children can look after and nurture the seeds into saplings. They also need to get other organisations in the local community to help them and then work hand in glove to grow them on and eventually plant them out into various projects. The seeds won't be ready to be planted out for 2-3 years, so this is a longer-term project.	John Shaw Chiltern Rangers

	<p>They are in the process of securing a piece of land locally to grow trees on a slightly larger scale, so as they have more requirement and projects, they can provide trees. With local people and volunteers to help grow and nurture them and then plant them out into wild and urban spaces. They will grow well because they are trees that already grow wild in the Chilterns.</p> <p>Sally enquired if Chiltern Rangers had approached all schools, or just a chosen few.</p> <p>In particular, being interested in all things Booker, she wondered about Booker Hill School. They were very enthusiastic about the Bee Squared seeds and have a couple of people interested in growing things and they were also holding classes in the woods at one time. Perhaps a good candidate for tree seedlings?</p>	
3	<p><b>Solar Streets and Heat Source Pump Installation Update</b>  Martin shared with the group his experience of having a heat source pump installed and explained they no longer have gas in the home and that it's all electric.</p> <p>He is currently looking to have solar panels installed and will share this with the group once the installation has taken place.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/domestic-renewable-heat-incentive">https://www.gov.uk/domestic-renewable-heat-incentive</a></p> <p>Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI)  Help with renewable energy costs for homeowners and landlords through the RHI scheme  <a href="http://www.gov.uk">www.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Ellen updated the group on Solar Streets. She has received some figures from the Green Group who run the Solar Street Scheme. They have received 48 enquiries about the Wycombe Solar Street Scheme during August. A second launch has not yet been scheduled, but there will be some more promotional activity. Eight quotations have currently been done with these resulting in installations being booked.</p>	Ellen Hawes/ Marten Clarke
4	<p><b>Repair Café Update</b>  This Saturday, 11 September at 10am</p>	Maddy Howe/ Fay Ewing

	Maddie is looking for some volunteers to help out at the Repair Café. <b>Action: All - anyone is interested or knows of anyone who would be interested contact Maddie</b>	
5	<b>Any Other Business</b> Wycombe Environment are doing a litter pick during September. An email will be sent out to the mailing list inviting groups to inform us if they are doing a litter pick. We will be promoting how to get hold of/book the litter picking equipment. The link will be included on the Wycombe Environment web site so we can easily signpost people there.	Sarfaraz Raja
6	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Monday 4 October - 1845	