



## Community Board South West Chilterns

Action Group: Environment and Climate Change

Meeting date: 28 October 2021

### ACTION NOTES

(high level notes for the purpose of tracking/monitoring activity)

**Present:** Makyla Devlin, Neil Marshall, David Johncock, Sian Herschel, John Laker, Nick Horslen, Nick Rowcliffe, Anna Crabtree, Olwen Elliott, Mark Turner, Richard Parker, Sophie Kayani, Alex Collingwood.

**Apologies:** Jocelyn Towns, Stuart Wilson, Carl Griffin, Penny Drayton, Dominic Barnes, Mark Turner, Hilary Martin

No	Topic	Action
1	<b>Introduction of Group Members</b> Neil welcomed everyone to the meeting and confirmed that everyone within the meeting knew each other without further introductions.	
2	<b>Agree notes of the last meeting</b> Correction to the spelling of Keith Spence surname Notes signed off from the meeting held on the 23 September 2021.	
3	<b>Actions Arising (not on agenda)</b> <b>Globe Park</b> – solar panels on buildings owned by Council – no response received yet from Officers	David Johncock
4	<b>Actions Arising (not on agenda)</b> Solar bins – nobody has come forward regarding having a solar compactor bin in their area for a three week trial. Confirmed that the size of the bins are larger than standard household waste bin. Suggested that they need to be situated in an open space due to	

	<p>their size rather than on a pavement. They require significant sunlight and phone signal to operate. If anyone has any ideas on locations, please forward to Makyla.</p>	
5	<p><b>Releaf Update</b>  Local authority treescape fund bid has been approved. (Central Government Fund over the winter) Numerous parishes came forward to this board asking for trees in their areas being collated through Releaf. Street trees will be planted in Flackwell Heath and Marlow and community trees in off road sites in Medmenham, Little Marlow parishes and private farm land just west of Marlow. This will happen over winter handled by TfB and Releaf Marlow are the grantees as a project through Transition Town Marlow. More than 500 saplings will be planted in Little Marlow Country Park and there will be a community tree planting day organised.  As a reminder, Buckinghamshire Council are planting half a million trees so can consider other areas of the board for that.  Request from Releaf Marlow to all Councillors – they would like to do some planting in countryside areas but these are privately owned and would like some help identifying landowners and make introductions.  Hedgerow project sponsoring 6 farms attracting funding from the community boards and looking to expand. Believed this to be through the Rural Forum  <b>Action: Makyla to find out the information and feed back</b></p>	Nick Rowcliffe
6	<p><b>Thermal Image Camera</b>  Marlow Energy have submitted an application for £1,000 to purchase a thermal image camera. Look to offer this out for other organisations to use as well as MEG. Currently Insulate Britain are reporting that 20% of CO2 omissions are from badly insulated houses. This wasted energy needs to be reduced and can be identified using a thermal image camera on houses. This would be carried out with the home owners consent under formalized guidelines. Look to start this project in January. Please see the information attached to the end of this report.    Comment from David Johncock -when this was carried out by the former Wycombe District letters were sent out to householders to offer this opportunity rather than a knock on door approach.</p>	John Laker
7	<p><b>Proposed Projects</b>  <b>Solar for Schools</b> – update from Makyla, the application is currently with the legal team internally due to the leases on the school with having solar panels on there. Should know further next week.  Neil has approached Foxes Piece school with regards to Solar panels and waiting for a response. The list of schools in the board</p>	

	<p>area to be passed to Neil. For some schools this would be easier than others depending on school type. Neil is waiting for further information from County.</p> <p><b>Action: Makyla to circulate the list</b></p> <p><b>School Signs</b> – 20s plenty and no idling signs – this is coming to the Community Boards to look at. Suggest that this comes through the environment budget and perhaps order a few for each school. This would be down to the Town and Parish Councils to put out and locations would be critical. An application will still need to be completed for this and to cover the whole board area.</p>	
5	<p><b>Any Other Business, topics for future discussion</b>  <b>A strategy for Biodiversity 1:20 on the recording – please see the information which follows this report.</b></p> <p>Trinity Road Update – confirming that the trial as now come to an end and the decision has been made to move to a public consultation with a view to make the Quietway a permanent feature. The same properties will be leafleted over next 24 hours explaining next steps to the consultation. This has been supported by our Cabinet Member, Cllr Steve Bowles and by the Members of the Community Board.</p>	
8	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b>  25 November – 1830: MS Teams</p>	<b>All</b>