



## Community Board South West Chilterns

Action Group: Environment and Climate Change

Meeting date: 26 May 2022

### ACTION NOTES

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

**Present:** Makyla Devlin, Neil Marshall, Nick Marriner, Stuart Wilson, Liz Lorente, Olwen Elliott, Emma, Nick Rowcliffe, Carol Heap, John Laker

**Apologies:** Jocelyn Towns, Sian Herschel, Richard Parker, Anna Crabtree, Verity West

ACTION REF	ACTION	OWNER	DATE GIVEN	COMPLETED
ENV.01.22	Engine idling signs	Makyla Devlin	24/03/22	
ENV.02.22	Solar4Schools queries – legal fees and referral	Jocelyn Towns	24/03/22	
ENV.03.22	AQMA – Spittal St – enforcement and red routing	Neil Marshall	24/02/22	
ENV.06.22	List of shops blocking road	Richard Parker	28/4/22	
ENV.07.22	Shops to be approached re road blocking	Neil Marshall	28/4/22	
ENV.08.22	Extension of Chargy project in Liston Road carpark	Neil Marshall	28/4/22	
ENV.09.22	County initiative on idling	Stuart Wilson	26/5/22	
ENV.10.22	Solar Together – confirmation of companies involved and members briefing	Neil Marshall	26/5/22	

ENV.11.22	Location of thermal imaging camera that belonged to WDC	Neil Marshall	26/5/22	
ENV.12.22	Farm maps to be circulated with meeting notes	Makyla Devlin	26/5/22	
ENV.13.22	Site visit dates to be confirmed	Nick Marriner/ Makyla Devlin	26/5/22	

No	Topic	Lead
1	<b>Agree notes of the last meeting</b> Notes from the last meeting were agreed by the group.	Neil Marshall
2	<p><b>Actions arising (not on agenda)</b></p> <p>Stuart commented that the former Cabinet Member for climate change and environment talked about introducing an initiative on idling across the country. He asked whether it was worth seeking some form of clarification. On going action- MD</p> <p>Neil has spoken to Chargy regarding the possibility of continuing with the charger at Liston Road after the trials end. He also followed this up with the Cabinet Member and suggested that we would be interested in trying to look at an opportunity for something like a car club if he could do something and he has forwarded that to officers. Neil is still waiting for a response.</p> <p>Solar Together: The question was asked, how many companies are actually involved in this with regard to the action, as it is a mammoth operation to cover the whole of Bucks. Stuart recommended that a members briefing be obtained. Action NM</p> <p>Emma from Marlow Wombles highlighted the problem with the bins not being emptied enough in Higginson Park as they aren't big enough to counteract the amount of rubbish that happens at weekends and bank holidays. She has been discussing this with the council but nothing has been done.</p> <p>John informed the group that the thermal imaging camera that was purchased with the funding awarded to Marlow Environment Group (£684) was not fit for use and that the camera had been returned. They now may be in a situation of giving all the money that they have left back to the Community Board but was asking if the group were agreeable, they may like to request another grant</p>	Neil Marshall

	<p>to purchase a better camera at around £2,500 so would be looking at further funding of £1,000-£1,500. Liz informed the group that Wycombe District Council used to own one and Leslie Stoner was the contact at WDC. There is also the option to rent these cameras but this is costly. The demand side to be mapped out.</p>	
<p>3</p>	<p><b>Chiltern Conservation – Hedgerow project</b></p> <p>Nick works for the Chiltern Conservation Board and is working on a project called Chalk, Cherries and Chairs which is a 5 year National Lottery Heritage project.</p> <p>Nick’s job is to work with a number of land owners and predominantly farmers in their project area to work with them to help them to put in place landscape scale conservation projects. Helping to reduce the declining biodiversity, reduce the loss of certain habitats and supporting them to put in place more habitat where it’s relevant. But more importantly to connect up the habitats between farms, hedgerows, grassland, field margins between farms so our wildlife has a greater area to move, more habitat to live in and hopefully this will start in time, to begin to address the declines in biodiversity.</p> <p>The funding if awarded would be used to work with them and the two other boards in their cluster area, North West Chilterns and Missendens, to support farmers in their patches to kind of do a landscape scale project looking at biodiversity projects.</p> <p>They would like to work up plans for Kensham and Lacey’s farm to details where they would like to plant gap up and to improve the hedgerow connectivity on their farms and then match any funding the board are able to offer with other funding from the farming and protected landscape scheme.</p> <p>The project would look to start in November, finishing by the end of February.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Funding package scenarios.xlsx</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Central Chilterns Farm Cluster.pdf</p> </div> </div>	<p>Nick Marriner – Landowner Engagement Officer</p>
<p>4</p>	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b> 23 June 2022 – 1830hs</p>	