

WE Actions 19 April 2021

Apologies: Arif

Solar Streets

- Ellen reported back on a really good meeting she attended with Fay and Alison from Bucks Council. **Alison** (Council employee, not in our group) is going to find a form of words along the lines of “High Wycombe Community Board supports the concept of Solar Streets and is working alongside The Green Group to promote the benefits of solar installations....” The example of Marlow was very useful
- **Ellen** followed up with sending Alison the Green Group presentation
- The Community Board needs to sign off the comms content, so **Fay** will put it on a meeting agenda straight after the election
- Fay has put Ellen in touch with Aldo from Trading Standards around scams connected to solar schemes, which **Ellen** will follow up.
- Likely therefore for a launch September time. **Ellen** to liaise with the Green Group as necessary.
- HW FoE has agreed to support the project, which is really great news – **thank you!**
- (cf) **All to** think of what other organisations might be willing to support the scheme.

Bee Squared (and other pollinator projects)

Bid for funds

- HW FoE has very kindly agreed to lead on this project for the funding bid, **thank you again!** with WE doing all the work. Really grateful. Thanks to Steve and also Andrew for so promptly working out a solution.
- **Jean** to send funding bid to Kerry and cc Saf (and Penelope)
- **Jean** and **Penelope** to liaise tomorrow on the final amounts to put on the form for submission asap, as retrospective bids are not appreciated. So far these seem the amounts:

Item	Amount
Seed (Emorsgate) (If we had ordered our own 8kg, it would have cost £560, but by ordering £16kg with Hazlemere, and then halving it, the cost dropped to £515.20)	£515.20 +£103vat
Packets (Emorsgate)	£240 +£48vat
Leaflet	

Quote from South Bucks Printing for 5000 leaflets on 250g silk (Quote from Sally's printer for 1000 leaflets on 105g silk was £69 (?vat?))	£144 (inc vat)
Labels – To be printed by South Bucks Printing, 5000 on 60x60 labels £186+£37.20vat To be printed at home on a colour laser printer, indicative cost £35 (to include labels and toner)	£35
Signs – 25 for £30 from ebay for the heart; men in sheds may be cheaper. Need the battons, and painting Suggesting we see how many we can do for £100	£100 inc vat
	£1185.20

Market Stall

- Kara reported we can have the market stall without a charge
- Fay has spoken to Maggie Gib in business insurance, to find out how it will work with WE being part of the Community Board. **Fay** will follow up with Maggie. May need to have an officer present. Hoping that we will be able to use council insurance, but need to have that confirmed.
- **Kara** to put in the form to hire the market stall, naming us as the 'HW Community Board Environment Sub Group called WE', being ready to pull the application if we find we can't use Council insurance.
- Kara to aim for the first Saturday after the elections, 8th May – **All** to see if they can hold some of that date in their diaries...
- Fall back of FoE national insurance may not work, because FoE has put a stop on all group activity because of the pandemic, and so far as Steve knows, this is still in place.
- **All** to think what else WE want to promote at the Market Stall.

Signs

- Sally reported that Men in Sheds might do the signs for £1 each – **Sally** will explore if they will also paint and stencil – exploring costs of 100, by the date of our market stall.
- Sally ~~not~~ been able to make contact with Chiltern Recycling

Verge Cutting

- Sally reported we've heard back from Keiron, the local area technician, and **Sally** will follow up to see what plans are already in hand, and what we can do to help those plans to be more ambitious.

Leaflet

- **Sally, Jean and Penelope** to finalise – thanks to Jean for the first draft. May borrow some more from Hazlemere.

- Like the idea of the bee poster to put in windows
- Need to finalise logistics before finalising leaflet
- Sally has had a quote from a printer she uses regularly, which seemed particularly good value, but post meeting thought – paper quality is different. Prices included in the table above for comparison – may be that the Hazlemere printer is cheaper. (Hazlemere also researched recycled paper. The printer advised to use FSC paper rather than recycled, for environmental reasons – less energy and bleach/chemicals used in making it).

Reporting/Monitoring

- Agreed we need to have some means to know who has taken the seed beyond the number of packets distributed (and as Sally reminded us, they will keep till next year too!)
- Liked the postcode idea, and the idea of uploading the photos – **Penelope** will talk to Stuart at Hazlemere about getting HW pages of the Climate Action Now website up and running with these features.

Publicity

- Social media, BFP, Wycombe Sound – no specific actions this week, we'll come back to that next week.

Seed packing

- 10 people willing to do some 'seed packing' – **Fay, Ellen, Charmaine, Sally, Nigel, Kara, Jean, Steve, Me, and Sarah Coope** (Hazlemere group and FoE). Yey! These 10 people are free to draw in help of others, only do part of it, do it all...
- **All** to let **Penelope** have their addresses, or where they will collect seed from, she will split the bulk order and distribute
- **Penelope** to check with Hazlemere about how they are measuring the amount of seed per envelope
- Some seed can be packed at the market stall as we will be 'hanging around' therefore aim to try to pack half before that date.
- Didn't resolve the label point. Bad chairing! So Penelope is making an executive decision and go with labels, which she will print. (That means we can get on with packing the seed into envelopes and sealing the envelopes, pending arrival of labels for sticking on later).

Seed distribution

- Via the market stall, and after that via groups.
- **All** to share via email lists of local residents' groups, and for the areas that they know, all to identify where seed could be collected from – eg someone's front garden – Penelope will collate a list
- **All** to identify what social media groups are used in these local areas to promote it, and to and say where the seed can be collected from

- OneCan trust have street hearos and pick up points – they could be a location for collection. **Charmaine** to find out if OneCan thinks that would work
- Community Fridge about to start distributing compost and other gardening things – could piggy back on that – **Charmaine** to find out
- Wycombe Food Hub could also be a collection point – **Charmaine** to find out.
- Also the Council Grow project, linked to allotments – Sally Home in public health is the contact – **Charmaine** to find out.
- There may be other groups too – such as Sally’s horticulture group
- Also could use ‘Nextdoor’ website as that is also geographical

Future projects

- **All** to think about what they would like to pick for the next project. Some ideas put forward by group members so far include:
 - Recycling (see attached doc from Hazlemere)
 - Food waste
 - Car clubs
 - Library of things
 - Repair café

AOB

RGS is planting trees thanks to the Woodland Trust scheme. They have secured in excess of 100 saplings for a triangle of Uplyme Field, adjacent to Hamilton Road.

All that is needed is for some volunteers to come along and help plant these young trees. RGS is looking for between 10 to 15 families to join us on Uplyme, with wellies, spades and gloves **at 9.30am on Saturday 1st May.** With enough helpers, the work of planting the saplings should be completed by midday. **If you would like to volunteer, please click on [this link](#) to the Little Box Office – deadline Monday 26 April.** Any questions should be directed to Mr Yendall, the groundskeeper who will be overseeing the morning: hmy@rgshw.com