

# WE Actions 14 June 2021

Apologies Lesley, Marten, Kara, Holly.

## Solar Streets

- **Fay** to meet tomorrow with her boss, Simon Garwood, and his boss Katie McDonald to try to find a way through the caution. She may also talk to Nick Graham (from legal).
- **Fay** to email Jocelyn Towns' contact details to Ellen
- **Ellen** to talk to Jocelyn Towns, (Marlow TC, and also now Bucks Cllr) and/or the clerk, Hilary (sorry, forgotten surname) Email: [office@marlow-tc.gov.uk](mailto:office@marlow-tc.gov.uk) Main office Tel: 01628 484024 to see if there is more information that can give confidence – some concern from Hazlemere Parish that Marlow TC doesn't have Solar Streets on their website, which undermined confidence. Ellen to contact others if possible who have promoted Solar Streets, including perhaps Thame. Ellen to report anything to both Fay and Ed Gemmell.
- **Ellen** to ask Solar Streets about whether they have any assurances regarding manufacture using Uighur slave labour.

## Verges and No Mow May

Meeting with Sally and Fay and Wayne Pickford took place last week. Wayne promised information on 'Sally's verge', and indicated that we would ask for changes to mowing via fix my street. General sense that doesn't work. They now cut 4 times a year, by in-house staff, not a contractor. Policy not yet on the website, but is promised. John advised that it works on complaints, but that we also need to be thinking more holistically, including about arisings, and making peat free compost etc. Sally willing to lead on a longer term conversation with the Council, looking ahead to spring next year, to see if we can achieve a consistent good quality approach, cutting visibility splays as often as needed, leaving the rest, and managing in a suitable way for the species/location, and comms to help residents understand it's not 'messy' but bee-friendly.

- **Fay** to set up a meeting with TfB, John and Sally as a first step.

## Bee squared

### Collection points

Sally collected 36 packs. Two sites used all their seed, two with some left. Jean collected about 30 packs and took to Hughenden Shop – and will collect any remaining in about 10 days.



## PPE recycling

- **From last week: Lesley** to look at this link, and then talk to her Fire Authority colleagues to see if this is a good idea or not, and report back next week:  
<https://www.reworked.com/product/ppe-recycling-box-face-mask-covid-waste/>

## Tree planting

- **From last week: Fay** to follow up with Alastair Cunningham at Bucks Council on the Government's Urban Tree Challenge Fund and on the Platinum Jubilee planting, and see what is in hand and what WE might do to help.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/44000-trees-to-be-planted-as-urban-tree-challenge-fund-reopens>

## Litter picking

- **Kara** reported via email from Wales: "The Great British Spring Clean ended yesterday and it doesn't look like details of the September clean have been added to the website yet. I have created a Wycombe Environmental account for our group so we can make a start whenever and wherever, uploading our progress onto our account dashboard (I'm happy to manage this). I have signed up to events notification emails so will keep an eye out for the September event :) I know some councils supply bags and pickers for people, do you know if BC would do this for us?"
- From last week: **Lesley** to send to all High Wycombe ward councillors an email (drafted by Penelope) asking them to share information on litterpicks that they know take place in their area, so that we can identify gaps.

## Next Project: Repair Café

- **Maddy** now understands that no thinking has been done on this at all! Next step to research the project, find out what it involves, and then to make contact with Jacq Ford to see about premises. Maddy to go to the repair café in Marlow – next one is first Saturday of July.

## AOB

### Great big green week

Holly sent through these links thinking it could be a focus for us to organise some local events and getting more people involved:

<https://greatbiggreenweek.com/> <https://greatbiggreenweek.com/resources/>

- **All** to take a look and we'll discuss again next week.