

# WE Actions 28 June 2021

Apologies: Lesley, Marten, Sally, Jean.

**NB: No WE meeting 5th July – the first of the monthly Community Board Action Group meetings instead.**

## Solar Streets

Update: **It's going ahead! Yes!** Ellen met with the Green Group (who are promoting Solar Streets) and Bucks Community Energy last week. Because Marlow is going well (they have done 12 houses and their target was 10) and they have a local depot, they are prepared to take a bit of a gamble and not have a council backing them. Several organisations that will support it: Bucks Community Energy, Wycombe Friends of the Earth, Low Carbon Chilterns Coop and the Wycombe Environment Centre. Bucks Community Energy will manage the community pot. So Solar Streets/the Green Group have said let's just launch it on 22nd July, which just hits summer window. Bit late, but OK. The Green Group produce all the material, website etc, 'all they need' is people to help put the word out, some on social media, but also helps in the real world, posters, banners. This promotes a launch event via facebook – on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, which is a Q&A where people can ask about the scheme. If people then want to join the scheme, they then follow that up directly with Solar Streets.

In terms of scamming, there is no finance associated with this scheme – they do not offer loans to install the kit, which helps to distinguish them. But customers need to do their own 'due diligence' to their own satisfaction.

Fay also updated that Nick Graham is still looking at whether the Council can agree a form of words, if not the logo, to be used on publicity. Really welcome news!

Ellen has set up a slot for a working group: tomorrow 7.00pm (for after the footie, we hope!) – to work out who can undertake what publicity. We may also think about a funding bid to the community board to be able to pay to get leaflets distributed, although funding not open yet, and cannot award retrospectively.

Hazlemere solar streets 2 cllrs likely to go ahead may get launched at the same time.

- **Fay** to try and tie down some welcome wording from Nick Graham
- **Everyone who can:** to attend Ellen's working group tomorrow evening, 7.00: link here. <https://zoom.us/j/92044409679?pwd=Um5CTE9PWjBxSTRtdVlwYUhvQnNuQT09>

## Bee Squared

Update: Lessons learned held last week – headline – agreed to have another go next year with longer lead in times. Relative failure of number of bees on the website not boosted despite email to schools, so that becomes a lesson learned in terms of emphasising the need to report. Hazlemere is looking to do pollinator counts, and when they've worked out how they will share. Also Hazlemere also looking to get bees in schools – Wycombe Abbey has a hive and is keen to support others, and for next year to get pollinator corridors between schools. Have so far emailed Wycombe High, John Hampden, RGS, Wycombe Abbey, St Michael's in High Wycombe (and Sir William Ramsay and Holmer Green, Pipers Corner and Misbourne).

- **Penelope** to issue note of lessons learned session
- **Penelope** to follow up with any contacts from the schools from the HW Bee Squared project and see if we can join forces.
- **Arif** to check whether all Saf's Bee Collection Stations have been closed (see list below)

CLIENT	ADDRESS	POSTCODE	WARD	STATION	STATUS	DATE
Saf	Clr Saf Raja	19 Armisson Ave		HP13 6DD	collection station	25 not yet
Saf	Dennis Kebabs	8 Oxford Street		HP11 2DG	collection station	25 yes
Saf	Shafiq Computer Gallery	12 Whitehart Street		HP11 2HL	collection station	25 yes
Saf	Hills Café	162 Micklefield Road	High Wycombe	HP13 7HA	collection station	25 yes
Saf	Wrights Meadow Centre	Wrights Meadow Road		HP11 1SQ	collection station	25 yes
Saf	Peter Cartwright	54 Guinions Road		HP13 7NX	collection station	25 yes
Saf	Clr Arif Hussain	Roosters	7 Oxford Street	HP11 7DG	collection station	25 yes
Saf	Clr Julia Wassell	Quaker Meeting H	25 London Road	High Wycombe	??	25 yes
Saf	One can	11B Duke Street		HP13 6EE	handing out	25 n/a
Saf	anon	35 Verney Ave		HP13 7NX	collection station	25 yes
Saf	anon	54 Tyzak Road		HP13 7PT	collection station	25 yes
Saf	anon	9 Brands Hill Ave		HP13 5PZ	collection station	25 yes

## Verges

Update: Fay met with Rosie ?Tannard?, Wayne's manager, this morning. Get more complaints in urban areas if the grass isn't cut, because perceived to be untidy. Worst areas for complaints are Totteridge, Bowerdean and Micklefield. May be advisable to pick verges outside of this area to be targeted first? Amersham has made good headway. At the moment in High Wycombe if you want to 'take over' the verge in front of your house you have to get a 'cultivation license', but Flackwell Heath has developed a good system it seems for this. Agreed to pause this workstream until Sally has more capacity again, and at that stage ideas include

- to set up a meeting with Fay, TfB, John and Sally
- to talk to Andy Sherwood about altering grass cutting on the Rye and in other green spaces
- talk to Amersham and Flackwell Heath (and probably others) and learn from their experience

## Litter picking

Update: Kara is waiting for details of the autumn spring clean to come through, In the mean time she reported that there is an event this Sunday where you pledge an

hour. Post meeting note – need 7 days notice to get litter picking kit from the Council, so have to pass up this time.

## Newsletter

Thanks to Jean for putting the first draft together – no comments! Must be good!

- **Jean** and **Penelope** to liaise about how to send it etc.

## Repair Café

- **Maddy** to go to the repair café in Marlow this Saturday coming (July 3<sup>rd</sup>), and report back.
- **Fay** to put Maddy and Melanie Williams, BidCo manager, in contact.

## Trees

Update: Need to speak with Alastair Cunningham (council's tree officer) – can join up with Hazlemere. Understand what Bucks is doing on Urban Tree Challenge Fund and on the Platinum Jubilee planting, but also on does and donts for tree planting generally. May be also ask Alastair to come to one of the monthly meetings. Ed shared that the youth group at Hazlemere has Trees as an area of action. Ideas include harvesting the little seedlings that grow in verges and that would otherwise be mown, use plastic pots that would otherwise not be recycled, grow them up in schools and use them for various subjects, and at some future date plant them out in suitable places. Other ideas to link the trees to the birth of new children, and linking up with Duke of Edinburgh volunteering schemes – some discussion about being able to be an assessor – some info from the DofE website below – looks like anyone who knows about the subject can be an assessor, and must be willing to provide a short report at the end.

- **Ed** and **Steve** to meet with Alastair Cunningham and report back.
- **Penelope** to include trees and Duke of Ed in her Bee email to school contacts.

<https://www.dofe.org/do/assessors/> *Choosing Assessors*

An Assessor checks on your progress and agrees the completion of a section of your programme. They must be independent. Therefore, they cannot be a member of your family.

An Assessor can be anyone who is interested in helping you to achieve, has some knowledge of the activity you are doing and can be available over the time you're doing it. They will produce or sign off the relevant Assessor's report for that section, which is uploaded into eDofE.

From the local football club coach to a charity shop manager, from the neighbour who's a web designer to the conservation expert leading a residential week, just about anyone can be an Assessor for the Volunteering, Physical, Skills and Residential sections.

Because of the nature of expeditions, there are slightly different rules in place for Expedition Assessors.

If you are struggling to find Assessors, talk to your DofE Leader.

The Assessor should have knowledge of the activity being undertaken and be aware of your objectives. Give them the relevant sectional Assessor's card from your Welcome Pack. The Assessor should also be available at key stages throughout your experience in order to assess your contribution and development.

Once a section is complete the Assessor will meet with you to discuss your performance, experiences and achievements.

The Assessor will also decide whether you have met the DofE requirements – that you've demonstrated effort, perseverance, improvement and made progress towards your section goals. This information, along with comments from the Assessor, should be recorded on the Assessor's report which can be submitted online.

## **PPE recycling**

Agreed as there are so many things we might do, given the difficulties with this, to take this off the todo list.

## **Great Big Green Week**

Agreed if we have activities that fall in this week (18 – 25 September) then to make use of this week, but not to plan any specific activity just for this week.

## **Food**

As no specific projects identified, agreed to take this off agenda for time being. BidCo picking up the 'trolley' project with Rebecca Nutley.

## **Action Group meetings**

First one next Monday – look out for a Teams invite from Fay, or the High Wycombe mail box. 6.45, so we can go to the Hazlemere Climate talk first. No WE meeting therefore next week.

## **Possible new projects**

Out of time today, but three candidates for possible new projects:

- Big Issue e-bike scheme <https://bigissue.bike>
- Marlow – High Wycombe cycle route – Transitions Towns Marlow wants a HW partner to work on this, on routes to avoid Handy Cross, two really viable options.
- Yellow Rattle verges autumn campaign

## **AOB**

- None!