

WE Actions 26 July 2021

Apols from Maddy, Lesley, Fay, Sally

Recurring link for July's meetings:

<https://zoom.us/j/95519834385?pwd=cUxtVXRUaEhoSWVUZTEhQ0Q4RnVUZz09>

Solar Streets

Well done to Ellen for getting Solar Streets launched. Huge achievement. Marten and Lesley Clarke are installing solar panels and an air sourced heat pump! They are willing – with some caution – to use it as ‘advertising’ for the campaign. All somewhat disappointed that we didn’t get more on the ‘launch call’ – and reflected on the relative lack of both ‘green awareness’ in HW, and community networking – so our actions are all around building a network of networks, ready for a push of solar streets in Sept.

- **All**: to say if they receive a local newsletter from a ‘street association’ or are on a facebook or whatsapp group (sorry if this duplicates what we did at Bee Squared. This time I’ll build a spreadsheet with the information!).
- **Penelope** to contact Geoff Pegg (thanks Saf for the contact) who leads local neighbourhood watch teams, Joe Bradshaw, Town Clerk
- **Hugh** to share information on networks within the faith communities
- **Saf** to contact all ward members for HW.
- **Penelope** to contact all the schools because the schools themselves may be interested, and they may also want to pass on to parents.

Repair Café

Maddy reported in by email she has made contact with Men in Sheds, but they have some reservations. Hugh confirmed that All Saints is available for 14th August. Nigel confirms that he is ready to be the repairer. Fixed on 10.00 – 1.00 for the advertised ‘open’ time. Will need a table, chair, light, power etc.

- **Maddy** (or to delegate to one of the team) to apply for insurance
- **Maddy** (or to delegate to one of the team) to put together a funding estimate to bid to the Community Board for funds
- **All** to post on social media – Repair Café, in the Church in the town centre, 14th August, 10am-1pm

Social Media

Decided it is time for WE to have its own social media pages. Holly very kindly volunteered to set this up and be the ‘chief’. When that’s done we’ll agree some other admins to work with Holly. Holly to choose the media – Facebook is the place to start.

- **Holly** to establish social media accounts. The email address we use is hwcb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Litter picking

- **Penelope** to talk to Zia because he is interested in litter picking, and see if he would pick this up for WE.

Pollinators and Bees

Verges

- From last week: **Fay** to set up a meeting with David Sutherland, Sally Jay, John Shaw, Rosie Tunnard, and Wayne Pickford.

Bee School

Saf met a bee keeper at the CAB event at Pann Mill from Saunderton who is going to get in touch.

Rake Rattle and Grow

- **Everyone**: harvest yellow rattle seed please. (sorry, forgot to say this at the meeting!)
 - When – in the next 10 days or so
 - Where? It grows on most sites that Chiltern Rangers manages: <https://chilternrangers.co.uk/where-we-work/>
 - How? Take a paper bag or an envelope, and take half, and leave half
 - Then what? Hold onto it until Chiltern Rangers call for it for their schools project.

Bee Squared

- **Fay** to discussing 'direct payments' with her line manager and team tomorrow.
- From last week: **Fay, Penelope** and **Saf** to explore a funding bid to be marked 'pending' for this activity to hold the funds for later in the year
- From last week: **Penelope** to put together a little 'schedule' of how the various pollinator projects may map out over the year, to keep things connected, and a bit of a brief for Bee Squared next year.

Walking and Cycling

Walking (and cycling?) Superhighways

Lesley has been talking to the Rangers about improving walking up Tom Burt's Hill where the steps are now in need of repair. And we could extend that using the footpath up to the Girl's School and John Hampden, and using the path behind the Cemetery the other way. These are not currently cycleways and some concern that they could become unsafe if used by fast cyclists. The off-road footpaths are not swept.

- **Marten** to put Penelope in touch with Susan Winkles who does walking and cycling at the Council.

Walking & Cycling to School

The discussion of the walking routes led to a discussion about walking to school, and what can we do to encourage it, with 'back to school' in September.

- **Penelope** to contact all the schools.

Big Issue E-bike scheme

Ivan has kindly registered with this scheme so will let us know when there are updates.

Newsletter

Still outstanding from last time (again, again):

- **Penelope** to liaise with Jean...

Next meeting

No WE meeting next week as it's the full Action Group Monthly meeting. See you again on 9 August.