

WE Actions 11 October 2021

Recurring zoom link for October

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Repair Café

Fay and Maddy met with Andrew Jenkins, heads up zero waste team at Council. He's keen to support repair cafés through the County. He's set up a team's meeting on Thursday 14th at 8pm for the 10 or so cafés in Bucks Also included Maidenhead and Chinnor

Tracey, one of the seamstresses, has been exploring brand and website domains. She has kindly offered to pay for the first year of the website (£24 or so). The hosting company is green - 300% offset their carbon footprint. John Semple, a new 'mechanics and electricals' volunteer has offered to help on web stuff

Last Saturday not so busy. Nice event, social side was good.

Saturday before informal gathering. Really useful, sharing of ideas, updating of our process. The form people fill in when they bring in their object for repair has been redesigned so that it is much clearer what they are signing up for, and Tracey, who has knowledge of law, has been over the text to be sure the lack of liability is clear. We agreed we must avoid offering PAT testing because it suggests some form of guarantee.

The priority is improving our publicity. Most people are hearing about us though through sharing on social media. Maddy still hoping to find someone from BNU to help on that front. Holly happy to post on the WE account, but needs material.

Brand new volunteer has popped up. And has a PAT tester. But we re-affirmed that we don't offer to do that after carrying out electrical repairs. He offers PAT testing as a business, so if someone wants it, we can point them in his direction.

The repair café is sponsoring a Christmas Tree in the church – decorating the tree is on 16 Dec late afternoon.

Actions

- **Everyone** to think of material they can send to Holly and Henri to post on social media
- **Maddy** to ensure Lauren knows about the Andrew Jenkins meeting, and to put the invitation round the repair café group of volunteers.
- **Maddy** to link up Tracey and John to discuss webstuff
- **Penelope** to add the revised forms etc to the website

Wycombe Sound

Clare Sherman's show on Weds, 1-4, had an environmental focus. Clare is leaving Wycombe Sound, and Luke Davies, Station Manager, has asked Maddy to test if there is a group of environmental organisations that would want to curate this regular slot. Chiltern Rangers would be core to it. It is a commitment, but it can be pre-recorded, it is very flexible, and most of it is music.

The broadcast area includes Beaconsfield, Amersham and Chesham – but of course anywhere in the world via iplayer.

Agreed it is a lot of work, but a great opportunity. Suggestion that a BNU media student might do the 'producer' work as part of their studies? Maddy recalled that Ivan has reported that there is a 'green group' at BNU and we might get in contact with them too, on this and other subjects.

Actions

- **Maddy** to convene a group across the broadcast area, to discuss the idea further, including Steve and Penelope from WE
- **Jenny** to see if she can find out who runs the media courses at BNU who we might approach, and also any intelligence she can find on the green group

Wycombe Resource Zone

Penelope reported that there is a possibility that the Wycombe Environment Centre might resurrect itself and become the vehicle to 'receive' the Resource Zone – which the Council is looking to close, but in principle is willing to transfer it to another organisation to run on as a social enterprise. Some possible premises are being explored – but it's all pending a Wycombe Environment Centre trustee decision.

Yellow Rattle

Yellow rattle has been planted in:

- Kingsmead Rec
- Tom Burt's Hill
- Booker Common
- Grange Farm Area Trust
- Hughenden Boulevard

Solar Streets

Marten reports that his solar panels are up and running and generating electricity even on heavy cloudy days, because it works on daylight not 'just' sunlight. There have been days when they have been self sufficient in energy. Marten is happy to link up with Bucks Community Energy

Maddy took flyers to the Front Room and Roberto's, and left some in the church, too.

Further publicity on this is dependent on us networking better

Actions

- **Karen** to contact all 'unparished ward' councillors and pick their brains on the networks they use in their areas
- **Ellen** to put Marten in touch with Bucks Community Energy

Litter Picking

To take place on 24 October, 11.15 for 11.30 at the Parish Church.

Actions

- **John** to make litter picking kit available – **someone** to go and collect it from Rangers on Friday 22nd October, and drop it back after the weekend.

FoE CoP26 Day

FoE has picked 6 November to be a day to be in the town centre to raise awareness, gather information from people as to what they are already doing, and try to get some social media activity, in support of the CoP conference. In support, it was agreed WE would take a market stall that day, and promote our activities too.

Actions

- **Maddy** to book our free market stall under the guildhall.
- **All** to book 6 November in the morning clear to join the stall if you can, please.

Bee Squared

Steve is talking to Chepping Wycombe parish about this on Tuesday evening..

Dates of next meetings etc.

- 18 and 25 Oct 6.30 WE
- 24 October Litter picking 11.15 for 11.30
- 6 November in the morning Market Stall
- 13 November Repair Café, 10 – 1.