

# WE Actions 08 November 2021

## Recurring zoom link for October & November

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Meeting ID: 875 7082 6940

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## FoE COP Day 6 November

Thanks to Steve for getting the FoE COP ball rolling, because without that we would not have joined in with a stall. **So thanks, Steve.** We gave away close to 200 repair café leaflets, and had some good conversations with people about solar etc. Henri also handed out her seed. It was a good cross-party occasion and lots of opportunity to meet up together.

Actions

- **Holly** to look at the WhatsApp group for some photos to post on facebook.

## Christmas Lights Switch On

We can have a table in All Saints, to hand out repair café leaflets. Hugh to check on solar streets. 18<sup>th</sup> November 4 or 5ish for a few hours.

Actions

- **Hugh** to check about solar streets.
- **Ellen** to get some solar street leaflets down to the church by some means assuming they can be handed out
- **Penelope** to print some more repair café leaflets.
- **Maddy, Hugh, Steve** and **Penelope** all to attend.

## Repair Café

PAT tester could come with a new volunteer, Tony Fish, but need confirmation he will be there. Saf has got agreement from his work that he can borrow their PAT tester – so that's the fall back. Thanks Saf. Question then is who can test. Jenny not available on Saturday, and she stressed that the first stage is a visual inspection, and she has a CD/DVD on PAT testing for others to use for training – Marten offered to give it a go, no promises!

The purpose of the PAT testing is to ensure our volunteers are safe, and we discussed, and reaffirmed, our previous decision not to PAT test after undertaking work to an item, because the customers had signed a suitable disclaimer.

Maddy also updated that they've registered a domain name for Wycombe Repair Café, and a volunteer at the Uni will soon start building the website and using social media.

Actions

- **Maddy** to check with Tony Fish and tell Saf if necessary
- **Jenny** and **Marten** to liaise about how to get the CD/DVD from Jenny to Marten by Weds/Thurs this week
- **Penelope** to modify the form to include a PAT test person confirming they have PAT tested prior to a volunteer undertaking work.
- **Penelope** (still) to sort out the funding that is owing to Maddy and herself from earlier in the year – it may be that the reserve of that would be enough.
- **Nigel** this means that for the time being we do not need to progress buying our own PAT tester, which we discussed previously.

## Litter picking

Chosen Grot Spot by the footbridge at Castle Place almost certainly Network Rail land – difficulties of access, safety etc etc. No volunteers to pick up the (doubtless) long process of getting permission from network rail to litter pick there. Saf had previously been in touch with Keiren, local area technician, about it, and will follow that up. We also don't have insurance, so litter pick to be another 'general town centre' one on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 11.30 for 11.45 at All Saints.

Action

- **Fay** to approach litter picking team inside Bucks and arrange for a dozen litter pickers and hoops, and to enquire about branding high viz.
- **Saf** to follow up with Keiran

## Wycombe Environment Centre/Wycombe Resource Zone

Penelope and Saf reported that the Environment Centre trustees met last week, and have decided to 'accept the challenge' of trying to relocate the Resource Zone into the town centre to become a hub for 'things environmental'. Approaches have been made to the Chiltern Centre and others to find a suitable premises. Saf and Penelope are now trustees.

As one of the issues WE comes up against time and again is funding, insurance, and being an unconstituted body, was this an opportunity for WE to become part of the Environment Centre?

Good discussion. Absolute certainty WE is mainstream and cross party, and must stay that way. Concerns that the Env Centre may not be so regarded, may not be interested in the things WE is doing, and WE might lose influence, for example when it comes to the verges conversation with the Council. But recognition of the impractical nature of our current unconstituted existence, and some helpful advice from Maddy about the Marsh and Micklefield Big Local needing Chiltern Rangers to provide 'services' for them.

Conclusion, to see if we can have the best of both worlds. Would the Environment Centre be willing to be WE's 'permanent partner' and provide insurance, put in bids and so forth, but WE to remain a 'rolling task and finish group' of the Community Board.

Action

- **Saf** and **Penelope** to take this back to Anthony Murphy and the other trustees to see what they think. Next Env Centre meeting on 30 Nov, so report back after that.

## Wycombe Sound

Maddy is meeting a volunteer from BNU on Friday – fingers crossed they take on the production role – and if so, we can tap into all the energy and enthusiasm that has been shown to get this ‘show on the road’.

## Newsletter

- **Jean** has kindly volunteered to do another one.

## Social media

- Holly reminded **everyone** to send her material to post on social media.

All other matters passed over in favour of stopping before the hour was up!

## Dates of next meetings etc.

- 13 November Repair Café, All Saints Parish Church, 10 – 1.
- 18 November Christmas Lights Switch on, All Saints Parish Church, 4 or 5ish
- 28 November Litter Pick meeting at All Saints 11.30 for 11.45
- WE meetings 8, 15, 22 and 29 November, 6.30