

WE Actions 15 November 2021

Recurring zoom link for October & November

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Newsletter

Thank you **Jean** for putting together such a good newsletter. All agreed let's get it printed for the Xmas lights switch on

Actions

- **Everyone** to circulate the newsletter
- **Penelope** to send out to the email list again from the Bee Squared project. [post meeting note – and invite to the Mad Squirrel too]

Christmas Lights Switch On

We can have a table in All Saints, to hand out repair café leaflets. 18th November 4 or 5ish for a few hours.

Actions

- **Penelope** to print off some newsletters
- **Penelope** to liaise with **Steven** and **Fay** about how to get the newsletters and some Sustainable Me posters to them both (as Penelope won't be there)
- **Ellen** will be there anyway for Shopmob so will bring Solar Streets flyers down
- **Maddy** will bring repair café flyers which she has

Repair Café

Lovely event again on Saturday. PAT testing saga continues... latest proposal is that we don't need a PAT tester, but that we need to ensure that anyone repairing electricals has assessed the safety to themselves, and where necessary they refuse to repair an item and require it to be PAT tested first. So everyone doing electrical repairs will be asked to sign a sheet before they begin, to be sure they understand. We'll see how that goes...

On Maddy and Penelope getting refunded for the insurance (£254.27) and resource zone manual (43.76) that they bought, it has been confirmed by Kerry Rackstraw that they could be refunded out of the Bee Squared surplus which FoE has. But rather than getting that refunded, and then paying the donations back into FoE, Maddy and Penelope will take the until they are paid back. To date Maddy has received £60 'cashback', and Penelope £16.

And please put 16 Dec pm in your diary for tree decoration – to see John's 'faulty' Christmas lights!

Actions

- **Penelope** to prepare the electrical repairers' form and modify the sign in form yet again!

Litter picking

Litter pick to be another 'general town centre' one on 28th 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.

Network of networks

Picking up actions from last week:

- **Karen** to pick up with Saf about the town committee item.
- **Saf** to contact ward members about notice board keys

Queen's Green Canopy

Agreed next step is for us to go and visit each play area. Penelope will see if she can set up a googledoc spreadsheet, and people can pick play areas near them.

When there we agreed we would

- Take pictures
- Think about where the trees would be planted

And when back home we will try to put this info into the spreadsheet, along with

- A screenshot from googlemaps of the play space, preferably with a blob showing where a tree/trees might go
- Where the nearest school is

Agreed that the next step after that is to contact the Council/Red Kite and share our proposals, and then to contact the schools and see if they would 'adopt a tree', and collect the leaf fall (potentially to make leaf mulch)

- **Penelope** to set up the googledoc and email round when its ready
- **All** to 'bagsie' the play areas that we want to 'survey', and go surveying.

Bee Squared

After a good discussion it was concluded we would

- Aim for 10,000 envelopes
- Seed to be slightly more generous than last year
- Some to be house to house delivered, some 'collection stations' as last year, including in places of worship, shops, etc.
- To tap into the faith network as many are now wondering 'what can they do', as well as the schools, and BNU students union. And other residents associations 'ad hoc'.

Actions

- **Hugh** to make a list of other faith leaders in the town [action superseded by Fay finding the spreadsheet that she mentioned in the meeting].

- **Jenny** to explore with BNU to see if they would take on the job of packing the seed [Jenny – let me (Penelope) know if you want some more info on this!!]
- **Ed** to mention to the person in Hazlemere that there will be a joint seed order again
- **Penelope** to look out last year's details on seed amounts etc etc and send to Ed

Wycombe Sound

Maddy has done amazing work. She says: we now have a team of students from BNU who will record and edit interviews or information sections of the show for us so we can then slot these in to a programme. Many WE members have shown interest in providing content and we now need to firm these up so we can start the ball rolling with recording. Live interviews or chat will of course be an important element as well so those who would like to come forward for training in operating the Wycombe Sound studio equipment either in the studios or remotely with the necessary software (very simple) please let me know. Until we have a team of hosts/presenters we can't get on air!.

After discussion decided the best way was to get anyone interested to Wycombe Sound as a group for training.

Action

- **Maddy** to fix a date and send it round to her wider list of interested people, and those that are free will come and get trained.

Linking up with other groups

Ivan raised the question about how were WE co-ordinating with other groups. Marlow had CAN, which worked well. Hugh suggested WE CAN, but the website already exists... [but post meeting reflections WE CAN seems like such an obvious idea! We should use it where... we can!]

Good question, and, after discussion, concluded three things:

- WE would meet in person (provisionally upstairs at the Mad Squirrel on Monday 29 November 6.30) and everyone would invite anyone else they know that is interested in 'making a difference' in cutting carbon, boosting biodiversity and enhancing the environment.
- That the website needs reinvigorated, now that Stuart (Hazlemere group) is back from his summer enjoyments! Stuart set up Climate Action Now in the spring, which was specifically aimed at allowing different groups to have their own pages, and cross refer to one another's material and co-ordinate.
- And a WE CAN Facebook group also sounded like a good idea

Actions

- **Penelope** to check with the Mad Squirrel and email round as necessary.
- **Penelope** to put **Ivan** and **Stuart** in contact re the website.
- **Ellen** to set up a WE CAN Facebook page.

- **Everyone** when we meet up to bring at least 1 and preferably 10 other people

AOB

- Maddy suggested that we should nominate WE for the **Proud of Bucks Community Board awards** – but everyone on the call was more interested in doing than in making an application!
- Penelope reported that Stephanie Wareham, **BFP** reporter, had got in touch about 80 packs of wildflower seed (due to her wedding venue cancelling her wedding – ouch!). Stephanie asked if WE could take it, and wanted to know what WE was up to. Penelope will meet up with her and tell her all about it.

Dates of next meetings etc.

- 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
- 29 November (provisionally) upstairs in Mad Squirrel 6.30.
- WE meetings, 22 and (in person, probably) 29 November, 6.30