

WE Actions 10 January 2022

Links at end of notes for googledrive, the zoom meeting and the website for notes.

Next meeting (17 Jan)

To focus on Bee Squared and Network of Networks ONLY.

Following meeting (24 Jan)

To pick up 'regular business'

Queen's Green Canopy

We are looking to visit the various open spaces in High Wycombe with play areas and identify if you can play in shade, and if not, if trees could be planted. Suggestion that we could also encourage people to plant trees in their gardens (which overcomes the maintenance issues of planting them in parks). Agreed we'd revisit this as part of QGC, and also as part of Bee Squared.

Action

- **All** to review the spreadsheet on the googledrive (link at end of notes) and nominated yourself for some spaces/play areas
- **All** if you find another space not on the sheet (such as a wide kerb) that you think could take tree planting, add it as another row to the end of the spreadsheet.

Wycombe Sound

Maddy now a Director (as of today). She will send out some dates for when the training can take place for people to book.

Action

- **Maddy** to send out dates (not just to WE, it's a wider group)

Repair Café

A bit downbeat on Saturday, didn't feel that busy, although used 15 forms. Too many repairers without enough to do. Two issues – need a rota, and, after a discussion, agreed to shift our position on PAT testing – we need to PAT test. And we also need some sockets that break the circuit to protect repairers in the event of a fault (you can see I didn't really understand what Saf was saying!)

Action

- **Penelope** to set up a spreadsheet on googledrive for the rota

- **Saf** and **Marten** to research the right PAT tester and suitable circuit breaker things, and bring a quote to 24 Jan meeting – we talked about asking Community Board for funding, or it could be Town Committee, or even private sponsorship?

Next face to face gathering

From last time

Action

- **Arif** to see if a hall in Totteridge or the Hive is free on 21 or 28 Feb

Cars, car clubs, idling, schools

We went off piste and had a wide ranging discussion about the abuse of car parks meant for open spaces by other parking needs; the school transport coaches and parents cars idling at school gates; the need for electric buses; that there are some electric car club cars at BNU and also one now in Marlow as part of a County scheme; that there are now apps you can 'let' out your own car as a car club car... Ellen shared a link with work Living Streets does about education at school gates

https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/media/4909/anti_idling_tool_kit_final.pdf. Maddy shared that it is already an offence under the road traffic act to leave a stationary car idling – but who knew?! And only police can enforce... Saf shared that Hamilton Academy where he is a governor regularly talks to parents about this. This led to us wondering if we could do a project with schools, and Wycombe Sound, as an educational campaign about this issue.

Action

- **Saf** to email Steve Broadbent (cabinet member) to find out what the current contract is with school transport and whether the Council can write electric buses into the contract
- **All** to take a look at Ellen's link and then we'll pick this up on 24th Jan and see what we would like to do on this.

From previous notes – not discussed today – for next week

Network of networks

Two purposes to our network of networks – one is to connect into the residents of the town when we are running projects, the other is to connect with others doing similar things

Face to face: about 20 people came to Wright's Meadow Community Centre. Thanks to Saf for asking Ray Farmer if we could use the room. Really nice to get together and

chat and meet new people. Decided it would be good to do this once a quarter, and perhaps move around the area rather than always meet in the same place.

Action

- **Arif** to see if a hall in Totteridge or the Hive is free on 21 or 28 Feb.

Town Committee: need to see if we can get this as an agenda item on the next Town Committee agenda

Action

- **Penelope** to pick up with Karen and Saf.

Noticeboards: Saf provided a list of noticeboards some time back – we need to know who the key holders are.

Action

- **Saf** to approach ward members and find out if they hold the keys and if not who

Faith information: Thanks to Karen for going into the spreadsheet on our googledrive and indicating which faith organisations she could link with.

Action

- **Everyone** to go in and put their name against those they would like to make contact with. Primary purpose is to seek their involvement with Bee Squared, but to also share the newsletter etc. Please add faith settings not on the list.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1DoRBv3rYHok6UvCTN_D7SiEgufqFVPb-?usp=sharing

Facebook Page: Thank you Ellen for setting up Wycombe Environment Action Network. Agreed we need to get in touch with the other environment groups in the area to get feedback on the idea that we create ways to network better.

Action

- **Ivan** to send Penelope the list that Friends of the Earth has collated
- **Penelope** to then email all those groups

Website: as before – in need of TLC. Maddy to bear this in mind after she has ‘landed’ her students who are currently sorting out Repair Café and Wycombe Sound projects... and, indeed, if any of us come across someone that can help...No specific action for the moment.

Stephanie Wareham (Bucks Free Press): met with Penelope and Maddy. We now have about 80 packs of seed from her wedding-to-be-rescheduled. She was clearly keen to support what WE is doing, and we can get back in contact when we have particular projects.

Bee Squared

Jean to have a go at reformatting our leaflet to fit A5 rather than A4. Jean has made good progress on assembling what is needed for a bid to the community board, but we will need information on match funding before we submit, so plan to submit in the new year.

Actions

- **Sally** to see if she has a Johnson and Johnson contact
- **Fay** to explore supermarket funding possibilities
- **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!!]

Verges

Sally to check in with Rosie about now to see how things are progressing following the meeting with her in September (this action was previously with Fay)

Action

- **Sally** to check in with Rosie.

Future dates

- 23 January litter pick
- 12 Feb repair cafe
- 21 or 28 Feb next face to face meeting.

Standing Links

- the googledrive:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1DoRBv3rYHok6UvCTN_D7SiEgufqFVPb-?usp=sharing
- WE meetings Jan, Feb, March 2022:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89402947105?pwd=MHFIdHdCYIZZMC83bG1sdER5SXVUUT09>
- Website for meeting notes:
<https://climateactionnow.uk/groups/wycombe/wycombe-team/>