



Melksham Climate Friendly Group

Wednesday 2nd December 2009 @ 8.00pm

Spencer's Sports & Social Club, Beanacre Road, Melksham

The MCFG Meet at the same venue at the same time on the first Wednesday of every month

NOTES

ATTENDEES:

Eddy Watts, Kathy Iles, Shirley McCarthy, Scott Aldersley, Jade Aldersley, Duncan Hames, Pete McHenry, Steve Petty, Alan Byrne

APOLOGIES:

Jo Stoddart, Marieke Guy, Mike Boyce, Jess Riley, Becky Hatfield

NOTES OF LAST MEETING

These were projected onto a screen for everyone to see and discuss.

- Community Area Board meeting will be at GWS on 16th December.
- The Area Partnership meeting will be at the Police Station nr Berryfields on 9th December at 7pm. TransCoCo (the Corsham Climate Group) are involved with their Area Board and it seems a good idea for us too.

WILDLIFE GARDEN

Still in need of a bale of straw for the Wildlife Garden if anyone has any contacts. The fence at the WLG is broken and there are plans to repair this on 6th December.

Kathy to do a letter of thanks to the Melksham Town Council for their contribution to the Wildlife Garden.

CYCLING PROJECT

Eddy spoke to Laura Gozling at Wiltshire Council about the cycle paths in Melksham. She was pleased to hear from Eddy and said she had previously met with Melksham Town Council. She asked Eddy to send a map of where we suggest cycle paths should go. Shirley has spoken to Rolf Brindle and he suggested we speak to the youth leader at the Canberra Club as the young people there have drawn up a map of where they think cycle paths should be.

It was suggested that we invite Rolf Brindle to come to the February meeting. **Action SMcC**

FOREST & SANDRIDGE SCHOOL ECO DAY

Jade told us about the events of this day that she and Scott participated in. They had 4 groups of very intelligent children. Jade had made a new game to play with them. They spoke about climate change in general and played a recycling game, the children seemed to really enjoy it.

GEORGE WARD SCHOOL CITIZENS DAY

Pete told us that this had seemed a bit 'last minute', but Scott gave a very good 20 min presentation. The children also gave 'Dragons Den' style presentations. Generally very good.

WILTSHIRE WORLD CHANGERS EVENT

Kathy took our display boards to this display of groups & projects held at the Corn Exchange, Devizes on Sat 14th November. It was a very good and interesting event and a great way of networking with other local climate groups etc.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF MELKSHAM

Shirley visited a portacabin in Melksham Market place showing a small display of plans. Visitors were invited to put up 'post-its' with comments on walls. Shirley picked up a brochure to share with the group. Shirley made 2-3 environmental type comments. Shirley also went to the evening workshop where she met Graham Ellis, Steve Petty and Duncan Hames. It was very basic discussion about the siting of houses etc in town. They seem to want Melksham to be more self sufficient and we should work harder on tourism and the environment.

Visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/wiltshire2026.htm to leave your comments.

A lengthy discussion ensued

FINANCE

Eddy showed the account to the end of November 2009. Currently have £171.38 in the account.

WEBSITE

Eddy has updated this with the new banner design as our logo.

C.A.V.E. MEETING

Shirley & Kathy went along to this meeting on 11th Nov to listen to WWF rep talk about how the Green Alliance is trying to use the environment to influence parliamentary candidates. There was much discussion about what we could actually do. Shirley said she would contact CAVE to find out what is happening next (cc to Rowena) **Action SMcC**

FUTURE PROJECTS

Alan would like to get a Melksham Community Radio set up. This would be a Web based station that can be run from your own home. Equipment is needed, as is a grant of about £16,000 to cover the license.

NEWSLETTER – Jess working on next edition – please email all contributions to Jo.

AOB

- Kathy said she would work on setting up a library database as lots of us have interesting media to share.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: **Wednesday 6th January 2010**

- Jo Stoddart has announced that she will be retiring from her position as Chair.
- Eddy & Kathy are both happy to re-stand for their current respective roles of Treasure & Secretary.

Nominations are needed for:

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| • Chair | • Treasurer |
| • Vice Chair | • Secretary |

**PLEASE SEND YOUR NOMINATIONS VIA EMAIL TO KATHY
BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.**

NEXT MEETINGS:

- **Wednesday 6th January 2010** – starting with the AGM at 7.30pm
- **Wednesday 3rd February 2010**