



Melksham Climate Friendly Group

Wednesday 2nd September 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, Pete McHenry, Steve Petty, Mike Boyce, Graham Ellis

APOLOGIES:

Jo Stoddart, Jess Riley, Becky Hatfield

Eddy agreed to chair the meeting in Jo's absence.

NOTES OF LAST MEETING

These were projected onto the wall for everyone to see and discuss.

- We have not yet had notes about Duncan's talk. Don't worry Duncan, we know you are busy!
- Scott though he'd heard that there is some money left over from the Carnival street collections for local clubs. Eddy agreed to contact Terry Welch about this. **ACTION EW**
- Marieke passed around the winners cup from the carnival for all to admire.
- Shirley has begun making enquiries about the Town Pump but has nothing to report. Steve mentioned that it is not fit for drinking water.

CHUFFIN' TRAINS

Graham Ellis had come along to the meeting to talk about this item. We had the funding for the banner sorted and then the new council elections started. The original council had no support for trains. The new people have previously signed the Support for Trains Petition. Councillors are now willing to talk about it so we are leaving the campaign for now as no need to keep pushing.

WILDLIFE GARDEN *Agenda item for October meeting*

This is coming along great. There is a session on Sat 5th September (same day as the RHS Dig) from 10am – 1pm all welcome. We've had a donation of some lilies. Mike suggested a rosta for watering etc, and we sort of have been doing that as several of us regularly pop over for a look. It's good for the public to see us doing this as it shows the plot is not neglected. WWT have asked if we can document what is growing and living in the garden.

PLASTIC BAG FREE DAY

Scott asked Eddy for £45 to cover printing costs for this event and this was of course granted. The original dolphin poster has been altered for this event to take place on 12th September and Scott has asked shops to display the posters on that date asking people not to take a new plastic bag at the till. Scott said there is now a different and more positive response from retailers than last time. If anyone wants a poster for their local shop please contact Scott.

LOTTERY GRANT

Eddy has a form for 'Awards for All' from the Big Lottery Fund. We need to come up with a project to do or we can say that it is to raise our profile. All ideas to Eddy please.

WEBSITE

This is ticking over – if you want anything put on it, create your article and e-mail it to Eddy and he will load it up.

FUTURE PROJECTS

- Allotment spaces – there is land behind the running track at Bowerhill that would be ideal for allotments. Steve thinks this is earmarked for industrial use but Kathy will write to County Hall and enquire. **ACTION KI**
- Cycle Paths in new town plan? – does Melksham have a cycle club/group? Where are the cycle paths in Melksham. Kathy will ask Richard Craft from the BAO group if he is available to come and talk to us at our next meeting about Sustrans. Marieke said she will go into the cycle shop and ask questions. **ACTION KI & MG**
- Idea for next year's carnival – we could all cycle the route.

AOB

Green Tea – Pete said he was sorry for not arranging an afternoon Green Tea over the summer as he's been busy and they have been away – we would still like to do one.

Distribution List – Mike asked about this being updated and Kathy said she would try to remember to do it!

Programs for website – Mike is still looking into ad-on programs for the website ... shared calendar etc.

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

Meeting closed at 21:50