



Melksham Climate Friendly Group

Wednesday 20th January 2010 @ 8.00pm

Postponed meeting held at Secretary's house

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

NOTES

ATTENDEES:

Jo Stoddart, Eddy Watts, Kathy Iles, Shirley McCarthy, Marieke Guy, Mike Boyce, Pete McHenry

APOLOGIES:

Scott Aldersley, Jade Aldersley, Duncan Hames, Steve Petty, Jacky Thomas, Jess Riley, Becky Hatfield

MATTERS ARISING FROM NOTES OF LAST MEETING

- **Community Area Board** meeting held at GWS on 16th December. Unfortunately all group members who had expressed an interest in this meeting were unable to attend. We will get a list of forthcoming dates from the Wiltshire Council website and try to get a member to attend each meeting. Shirley volunteered to go to the next one.
- **The Area Partnership** meeting was at the Police Station nr Berryfields on 9th December at 7pm. No members attended this meeting either.
- **Planning For The Future Of Melksham:** Shirley apologised for not circulating the notes she wrote up following her attendance at this event. Shirley presented the handout she's brought with her. Mike took this away to extract some of the relevant information from the CD Rom to share with the group. Mike suggested that our group should really know all this information so that we are not at odds with it and also not suggesting projects that are already in the pipeline.
- **Cycling Project:** Eddy spoke to Laura Gosling 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. Shirley will contact the Canberra Youth Club about this. It was suggested that we invite Rolf Brindle to come to the April meeting. **Action SMcC**
- **Future Projects:** Alan's first Melksham Community Radio project meeting is at the West End Inn at 7pm on Friday 22nd January. This would be a Web based station that can be run from his own home. Equipment is needed, as is a grant of about £16,000 to cover the license.

C.A.V.E. (Chippenham & Villages Environmentalists)

Ask the Climate Question at the General Election Meeting, 16 February, 7.30pm, Chippenham - Please RSVP

The General Election is just a few months away. It presents a huge opportunity to keep climate change on the agenda. We are having a meeting with everyone interested in this campaign, from members of local groups to supporters of organisations such as WWF, Oxfam, Christian Aid,

Tearfund and Greenpeace. It will be a chance to have a get together with you all to talk about the campaign and what you can do, and for you to meet each other.

The meeting will be held on 16 February, 7.30-8.30pm, at the Rose & Crown in Chippenham.

Please RSVP to the email circulated or call us on 01483 412496 to let them know if you can make it.

WEBSITE

Eddy is keeping this up-to-date and is happy to add information sent to him. Please send complete articles. Mike is exploring software to add an interactive calendar to the site.

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 we'd like to share. Please let Kathy have a list of anything you would like added to the MCFG Lending Library.
- Fairtrade Coffee Morning is coming up. Anyone interested in this should contact Marieke directly for information.
- Invitation to Mayor's Reception. Friday 5th March 2010. Shirley & Kathy to go. Shirley will inform the Town Hall that she is now the Chair of the MCFG when she return's the reply slip. Kathy will go to the Assembly Hall in the afternoon to set up the display boards.
- Kathy to update contacts list and indicate active members for a separate email distribution list.
- Signatures on the Bank Account need to be updated – Kathy and Shirley to meet Eddy in town to do this one lunchtime.
- Shirley said she would contact Nick Murry from CAVE to discuss their Thermal Imaging project further.

NEXT MEETINGS:

- **Wednesday 3rd February 2010**
Carbon Capture Technology DVD will be shown
- **Wednesday 3rd March 2010**
Invited guests:
Sarah Allen – Wiltshire Council Home Energy Efficiency Officer
Sarah Cosentino – Wiltshire Council Community Climate Change Officer

SUGGESTED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Love Your Planet Day – Saturday 13th February
- Cycling Project
- Wildlife Garden
- Community Area Board
- CAVE and CF BOA networking