



Melksham Climate Friendly Group

Wednesday 5th August 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:

Jo Stoddart, Eddy Watts, Kathy Iles, Shirley McCarthy, Scott Aldersley, Lorraine Aldersley, Pete McHenry, Duncan Hames

APOLOGIES:

Mike Boyce, Marieke Guy, Jess Riley, Becky Hatfield

CARNIVAL & PITP FEEDBACK

This was a great day once again. Thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thanks go to family members, Matt, Penny & Chloe who helped out group members on the day. We didn't do much trade but we did make £20 on our tombola. Procession was great and we won 1st prize for our walking float and a trophy!

WILDLIFE GARDEN *Agenda item for September meeting*

Scott thanked everyone for all their contributions. All sprouting brilliantly, very proud. Had a good day at end of July when we put in a pond – this did get bigger and bigger as the morning went on! Already got frogs, butterflies, bees, slow worms etc. Next major work day is Sunday 23rd August from 10am – please come along if you can for any amount of time. Any donations of gravel, stones, herbs, pond/bog plants will be gratefully received. Having a quick tidy up from 10-12noon this Sunday. 'Mike the mechanic' needs to have a look at the pipe feeding the pond as its going up hill!

CHUFFIN' TRAINS *Agenda item for September meeting*

No progress with this. Do we want to take this back over or do we want to re-think the whole idea? We'd like to invite Graham Ellis to come along to our September meeting – **Action Shirley**.

ORKNEY'S TIDAL ENERGY - talk by Duncan Hames

Notes to follow.

FINANCE

Currently have £186 in our account. Applied for a grant for the Wildlife Garden, trying for £50-100. Also applying for Lottery Grant to get pop-up gazebo, projector, newsletter, banner etc ... is there anything else we think our group needs?

WEBSITE

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

FUTURE PROJECTS

- Discussion on pushing ahead to get better curb side recycling – Scott will draft a letter to council and run it past Shirley.
- Bring back the town pump – look into where this was and approach town council to include in their renovations of the Market Place.
- Cycle Paths in new town plan? – does Melksham have a cycle club/group?
- Re advertise the energy monitors in Melksham News.

AOB

Plastic Bag Free Day – this is on 12th September – a national event. Get article printed in Melksham News the week before reminding people of this National Plastic Bag Free Day.

Energy efficiency – Scott on local housing association committee and they are looking at energy efficiency in older houses (pre 1930s), loft insulation, cavity wall, windows etc – new properties are very well made.

Wildlife Garden Art Competition - Jo asked everyone to encourage friends/family etc to participate in competition and distribute posters etc. Also, talked about prizes -ideas etc...

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