

SusCha Meeting Notes, 9 May 2011

The Sofa Area, The Bell Inn, Charlbury 8pm.

Attending: Tim Watt, Liz Reason, Janet Sly, Dan Raymond-Barker.

I. Matters arising from last meeting.

A. Ditchley Estate - which includes 850 acres of woodland.

1. SusCha undertook to do some research regarding a wood buying scheme.

a) Tim to follow up with Neil Holiday.

(1) Update: Two events suggested: an open day in June to show estate and visit to woodland to see operation.

II. Funding

1. *APE (Artists Project Earth) application sent 18 March 2011. Proposal turned down*

2. Potential 'Open Homes Event' in Charlbury suggested as a fundraiser in October.

3. *Town Council Grant - need to prepare grant for next year.*

4. Cheshire Lehman Foundation suggest survey by end of May - for low income energy affordability; put on back burner.

5. Social enterprise - maybe need to free up SusCha to raise funds and do more effective lobbying?

III. Projects

A. West Oxfordshire District Council - Debbie Haynes, Health and Environmental Policy Officer, West Oxfordshire District Council - offered use of Thermal Imaging camera.

1. Updated - still in planning stage. She will contact us when further news.

B. Carbon Conversations

1. Monitoring forms to be completed by 3 June.

a) What we did:

(1) Put flyers out at events.

(2) Trained 2 people already - hadn't been able to organise events during competition period.

IV. Forthcoming events

A. This week

1. Bike Maintenance - 14 May 2011

B. Summer events:

1. Get together set for Saturday 14 May to discuss materials and themes at coming events:

a) Riverside Festival - Saturday 18 June 2011 - 12noon-10pm/Sunday 19 June 2011 - 11am-8pm.

(1) SusCha stall confirmed. Chris Johnson, of Energy My Way, will help with demo of solar water heater.

(2) Need people to volunteer.

b) Farmers Market - 11 June 2011

c) Beer Festival - 9 July 2011

d) Charlbury Street Fair - 17 September 2011

V. Matters arising:

A. Invitation to the Oxfordshire Climate Connections survey

1. Partially completed survey for Climate Exchange.

B. Establishing links to local community groups:

1. Sustainable Charlbury site now includes 'active' linking to nearby groups so the page acts as a news aggregator for local climate group activities (at least where other groups correctly code their sites).

C. Sustainablecharlbury.org - supporting the site.

1. To support its independence and build awareness of the site, the first source of Sustainable Charlbury news should be on the Sustainablecharlbury.org website. News can be included on other sites - the more the better - but the primary source MUST be our own site otherwise we undermine the site and confidence in SusCha among those who visit.

2. Stats: 382 Visits, 736 Pageviews in last month, 3,041 Visits 7,267 Pageviews since last July

D. Oxford Low Carbon Communities - membership form sent

E. Energyshare - set up group. More of a web popularity contest than likely source of funds.

1. Have registered. Will take much effort with likely no return - no further input

F. Eco-Communities conference, Wednesday 25th May 2011, 9.30 – 4.00, at The University of Worcester.

VI. AOB

A. TJW to change from Google Groups to MailChimp but brings to light marketing issues.

B. Sammy Simson owner of Shipton Solar Farm has proposed a meeting.

1. LR to reply.

VII. Date of the next meeting 6 June 2011. TJW, Monday, 9 May 2011