

CCPC Environment Group Action Notes

In Person Meeting 10 March 2022 7.30pm Mortons Manor Hotel

Present –Josey, David, Helen, Luke, Richard, and 10 members of the public.

Update from Richard on PEG work

- Figures for Solar Streets as of Nov - 24 successful installations, 12 waiting and 47 inquiries.
- PEG are looking into a Local Energy Scheme, similar to the scheme in Bridport.
- **ACTION** Josey follow up on Richard's letter to the PC asking the PC to contact the planners about the new precedent set by the Durlston decision in relation to their previous negative response to the PC from DC. A further example is Exeter Cathedral that is Grade 1 listed.
- Dorset Wind Group has been set up to push for an offshore wind farm somewhere in Dorset in the future.
- Richard is in the early stages of looking into the possibility of a micro turbine at Boar Mill, with the meeting with NT not expected to happen until June. Other possible sites might be the river between Challow Farm and Sandy Hills or on the Scott Estate (large wheel at Blashenwell, presumably undershot?).
- Richard also briefed about the possible use of Bio-coal (20% biomass) for heritage railways as has been trialled Keithley and Worth Valley steam railway in West Yorkshire. **ACTION** Helen to raise with Colin Morgan of Swanage Railway.

Jubilee Projects Updates

- A price is waited for the Gods Acre Oak Tree.
- 70 trees for 70 years – village walk round on Tuesday 15th March.
- David Kemp is still willing to accept any trees for planting at some of the 70 sites.
- Plus we are hoping to have a 70 x 70 project, counting all trees and hedging planted in the parish.
- The Halves were discussed for some possible tree planting sites, **ACTION** Helen /David / Tom to discuss further.

Carbon Footprint Tools - Giki Zero

- Quick overview given and discussed it would be good to have more in depth session at a future meeting.
- A pellet burner isn't on Giki as an option, **ACTION** Helen to raise with GIKI.
- Aerated shower heads have led to a 30% reduction in water use in a local B&B.

Biodiversity Projects

- Our Secret Field – briefed that due to concerns of some residents brought to some PCllrs about potential cost of this project, the EG have decided not to pursue this through the PC at this time. **ACTION** Helen to add people at the meeting would like to join the independent Our Secret Field Group to a new What's App Group.
- An attendee at the meeting would be happy to use the field for grazing in conjunction with the project, and said that it is quite rare to find good quality native pasture land; this could essentially be a non-commercial native flower meadow

- This year larger no mow areas are being planned at Kingston, and at Corfe Castle it is hoped that a similar project will happen again. David has organised species surveys in June and August so we can compare to last year.
- One resident has had permission from DC to take over the management of the verge outside her house on East Street.
- Yesterday (9/3/22) Purbeck Heaths sustainable tourism plan was launched. **ACTION** Josey to ask the Clerk to share the link to the pdf of the plan with the EG email group

Sharing Ideas / Questions

- **ACTION** Luke is writing a letter to DC on street lighting.
- David raised that $\frac{3}{4}$ of the lighted windows didn't have curtains drawn; this is effectively wasting energy.
- One attendee was asked about being part of Dorset Greener Homes – **ACTION** Helen.
- Luke's household uses 'Serious Tissues' toilet paper, Helen uses Who Gives a Crap
- One attendee mentioned that they use white vinegar and lemon juice for their household cleaning (not stone floors), and have no plastics for toiletries, using shampoo bars, etc.
- Luke mentioned he uses citric acid for kettle descaling.
- One attendee made the point that due to the Energy crisis many people will be choosing to make greener energy choices as they see eco solutions appearing cheaper relative to the conventional.
- One attendee made the point that larger energy schemes will bring economies of scale and so would be cheaper for local communities.
- One attendee asked if the PC has considered hubs for charging of electric cars for residents who don't have a driveways. **ACTION** Helen / Josey.

Date of Next Meetings

- 70 trees walkabout on Tuesday 15th March.
- Full EG meeting 7.30pm on 14th April at Morton Manor, **ACTION** Luke, agenda to be confirmed.
- **ACTION** Helen - Core Team meeting to be organised before then to discuss Jubilee Tree planting, agenda for full meetings and preparation for the APM.

CCPCEG Core Group members; Josey, Helen, Tom, Luke, David, Richard

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