

CLIMATE CHANGE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting held at Syresham Village Hall meeting room

10.30pm, Monday 8th August 2022

Present: Cllrs C Munsey, D Dunkley, I Draper (Vice Chairman) and S Hosking (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

J Haycock

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

Approved.

Updates: WPD have confirmed there is network capacity for 2 super-fast EV charging units at the village hall. Carbon calculator will be introduced at the Fair and details included in the November edition of the Syresham Times.

The Committee will seek expert advice before recommending implementation of changes to Parish Council actions, so as to not inadvertently introduce any detrimental actions.

3. Arrangements for Climate Change Fair

The fair will be held on **Friday 23rd September, 11am - 8.30pm in the Village Hall.**

a) Title

Councillors have been referring to it as Climate Change Fair when inviting stallholders, and the purpose of the fair has been understood from that. Therefore, it was proposed that the name of the fair will be 'Climate Change Fair' as it is short and direct. Approved.

b) Banners

CM will arrange banners this afternoon. Wording to be:

Climate Change Fair
Friday 23rd September 11am-8.30pm
Syresham Village Hall

Dates on the banner to be vinyl which can be removed and different dates added at a later date for any future Climate Change Fairs.

It was decided that there should be more banners than originally proposed, to make sure they are seen on entering the village from all directions:

1 x large – Outside Village Hall

3 x smaller – Jubilee Tree railings, Wappenham Road and Abbey Road and opposite exit slip of A43 from Towcester direction.

CM to check price first to make sure they are affordable.

c) Flyers

These will be an invitation to come to the Climate Change Fair. CM to design with assistance from Keith Watts if necessary. ID will assist with laying up in Publisher.

Artwork will be the picture of the planet falling off a cliff, being pulled back from the edge by a person, (as suggested via email by CM).

Wording will include: Stalls, advice and information. Come along and chat to find out what you can do to help. Refreshments. Display by village school children.

d) Distribution of Flyers

Flyers to be distributed by Syresham Times distribution team of Clarke family and they will be paid usual £30 to distribute to Syresham, Crowfield and Pimlico.

e) Children's Posters – In hand.

f) Stalls - List of People Approached

Update: The following organisations have been contacted and by whom:

- CM **Friends of the Earth** – Contacted, haven't come back yet.
- DD **WNC Sustainable West Northants. Yes.** Spoken to Joelly Simms, who came to the Annual Parish Meeting. She would like more information but is willing to come along. David Heathcote from WNC Waste Team, may also be able to come to give recycling information and details about WNC composting bin offers. DD to chase.
- CM **Climate Action West Northants – Yes.** Spoken to Jane Wood, they are coming. To confirm details.
- CM **Clothes recycling** – Air ambulance, bin now installed. CM to find information on what happens to the clothes.
- DD **Volunteer Bureau, Towcester** – CM and DD to visit SNVB on Wednesday. Will ask SNVB to hold a stand. Discussing Care & Repair contacts, incl. Tow Valley Baptist Church Repair Shop. Also, for SNVB to provide environmental government grants information. CM to suggest to VH Committee that there should be a Repair Shop held in Syresham.
- CM **RSPB – Yes,** they have confirmed they will come out.
- SH **Wildlife Trust** – To chase when contact is back off leave.
- SH **Beekeeping Association Northants** – Would like to attend, confirming volunteers. In meantime CM will ask Ruth who in Pimlico supplies her honey, they might want to hold a stand.
- SH **Carbon Trust** – No, they don't have the resources to attend. SH to contact **National Energy Foundation** instead – left a message with their marketing team, for community event visit. CM will also contact Northants Energy Saving Service and Northants Warm Homes, as more local organisations might be more interested in attending a local event.
- DD **ABILITY – Yes,** they can attend.
- DD **Garden Centre, Chris Day** – Plants for insects/bees. Chris Day, Buckingham Garden Centre, No. DD/CM will try **Bell Plantation and Organic Gardens, Rugby** (this one attended HOP22).
- CM **EV Charging points.** WNC have installed Podpoint in some small villages. CM will ask **Podpoint** to attend and ask WNC if they would consider installing in Syresham. ID will ask Bell Lane neighbours for information on their home charging points and grant system.
- SH **Action for Insects** – as per Wildlife Trust. (This is project run by Wildlife Trust)
- SH **Wind turbines/Solar panels** individual properties. Had been hoping to get all this information from National Energy Foundation. SH to contact individual suppliers.
- DD **WNC Recycling demonstration** – as per Sustainable West Northants.
- DD **Composting** – as per Sustainable West Northants.
- DC **Cycling/Walking Infrastructure team** – No update available.
- DD **Insulation/Solar grants information** – as per SNVB.
- DC **NCALC Climate Change forum** – No update available. *SH has circulated details of Climate Change Page and meetings.*
- CM/SH **Primary and secondary Schools – Primary School YES,** Secondary School, awaiting new term.
- DC **Gawcott Fields Community Solar Project** – No update available.
- DD **Northants ACRE** – DD to chase

SH **Woodland Trust** – Contacted, awaiting reply. SH to chase and speak to Whistley Wood **Forestry Commission** contact as well.

SH **Andrea Leadsom (MP) and Dermot Bambridge (Ward Cllr)** - Contacted, no reply. SH to chase

Need to use some of Harlestone's ideas.

Additional ideas for contacts:

DD Fair Trade

CM VH Green Machine – packaging free shopping. Yes.

DD Oxfam/local charity shops – Reuse.

SH Slow Fashion Bus (HOP22)

CM Brackley Hedgehog Man

CM VW garage Towcester – display hybrid/electric vehicles

DD CPRE – countryside nature projects (hedgerows)

SH Oddbox – seasonal surplus/odd shape or size fruit and veg deliveries. Food that would otherwise end up in landfill.

g) Refreshments

The Committee will arrange them. Tea/Coffee, cakes to be made and ALL Councillors to help with serving refreshments.

h) Financing

PC have approved expenditure from CCEC budget of £300, for banners, flyers, refreshments.

i) Setting Up

Help will be needed setting up from all Councillors. Getting out tables/chairs etc for stall holders from 9am. Children's displays will need to be arranged on display boards too – to be done in the meeting room, out of the way of stalls setting up.

j) Rota of helpers

To be circulated. Time slots to be filled in by Councillors, dependent on when they would be available to help between work etc.

k) CM proposed raffle to cover costs of the fair. It was felt it would be unnecessary additional work. No raffle will be held.

l) Anything else related to the Fair

- Children's Activities: Colouring, Treasure Hunt. DD to speak to Tina Nesbitt who arranged the School Friends treasure hunts.
- Ask Lynn Cranwell if she would like an ecology stall and would like to prepare a quiz similar to one for gardening club.
- Would SNATRA like a display? SH still has SNATRA display materials from Annual Parish Meeting.

4. Any other business

NACRE have agreed to a discount on the tickets of the Committee wanted 5 tickets. Attendance to be confirmed at next PC meeting.

5. Date of next meeting – **10.30am Monday 22nd August**, Village Hall Meeting Room

S Hosking

19th August 2022