



MINUTES of ZOOM MEETING - 26TH AUGUST 2020

PRESENT Helen Cukier (Chair), Jed Ramsay (CEO Town and Manor), Daniel Cukier, Susan Millington, Penny Locke, Trish Witham, Mark and Frances Lofthouse

1) **APOLOGIES** John Downe, Henry Mills, Clare Lister and David Gleeson

Helen welcomed Jed who had prepared a map of the Marsh Planting area for the trees coming from Woodland Trust towards the end of November. Also a power point presentation re the ORCHARD.

2) **TREES** PLACE. PREPARATION. PEOPLE

Please see attached map, showing the place on the Marsh near the entrance from Marsh Lane. Jed will set a date with HEAT and CHURCH volunteers to meet and walk the area.

Jed confirmed that T & M will prepare the land in readiness for planting with his team. The tree saplings will be delivered from Woodland Trust to Rob Starr.

DATES for planting are 'pencilled in' for Thurs. 3rd and Sat 5th December.

Jed anticipates that over time the stronger trees will thrive and weaker saplings may need to be thinned out.

RECRUITING volunteers to plant. We have a list of volunteers from contacts at the Sunday Markets **ACTION (All)** Please can everyone recruit others to come and help!!

ACTION – Frances to email all people who are nurturing tree saplings with general advice.

3) ORCHARD (See attachment)

T & M bought the Orchard in 2016. It took 3 months to clear and make accessible. An apple specialist was employed, and there are some rare varieties. In the last 2 years, apple juice has been produced. But in 2020 Jed would like to see the Food Bank benefit. Jed has linked with Ted Angel in order to get fruit to the Warehouse in Greenham Common from where it will be distributed. PICKING. 6 or 7 people at a time, could be children's groups if well monitored. Small ladders useful. Ideally T and M would like to get groups to take ownership. Dates for introductions and picking to be agreed and sent out. Pickers may take some home too. Penny asked about Wassailing in January!!

NB Jed is recruiting an Admin. Assistant – a 10 hr job.

4) ELECTRIC CAR SHOW

John had prepared a comprehensive Draft of Event Details.

Helen read through these excellent Guidelines.

AGREED DATE – SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER

PLACE – High St. – where Market is positioned on Weds.

TIME - 11 am to 3 pm, with car owners setting up from 10 am.

Signage – borrowing Market signs with HEAT overlay, to request no parking from previous evening. T & M are donating this space to HEAT.

Marshals - Penny able to loan high viz jackets from the Sun. Market.

ACTION John - GDPR Statement (link with Trish who will provide her statement for adaptation) and INSURANCE (link with Henry).

5) SUNDAY MARKETS

6th SEPT. – Croft Field - Penny organising - as in previous months.

HEAT Stall – **ACTION** Frances and Mark to continue recruiting people to care for tree saplings and help with the planting of Trees in early December.

4th OCTOBER. FOOD FESTIVAL in Town Hall and High Street. Penny working on details re Covid. Only half the usual STALLS, in order to be widely spaced.

People to be asked to wear face masks. HEAT Stall on Town Hall steps?

6) HEAT BOARD under Town Bridge.

Needs to be a weather proof board, inside and out. Frances and Mark have written to TC, who will bring request to Co. Meeting on 7th Sept.. Hope to replicate the ARTS of Hung. Board. **ACTION** F and M to talk with Tony.

7) **CYCLING in and around Town.**

Trish and Henry have done much research into 'People Attitudes' both in GB and abroad re CYCLISTS and PEDESTRIANS.

Trish talked about ways of improving attitudes and expectations.

Traffic Calming – Improving Safety – Parking for bikes. – Bike Lanes

Could there be a bike lane from Hungerford to Froxfield along the A4?

The GVT. is reviewing the Highway Code so that cars must leave 1.5m gap when overtaking cyclists.

NB **cyclinguk.org** may be worth joining (£70 a yr.) Also **westberksspokes.org**

WBC have got funding for cycling. **2021 - CYCLING EVENT ?**

Consider improvement to air pollution and noise pollution!

8) **A. O . B.**

Daniel commented on the emerging **nanodymbattery technology**

(nbd.technology) Uses nuclear waste for batteries in phones and cars. Once created no need for charging!

Essential Food Order - if interested, please contact Henry.

Henry – as HEAT Treasurer, is investigating our Insurance.

(We are not a Charity or a Business).

Next Meeting - ZOOM - Weds. 30th Sept. @ 7 pm

