

**Notes of the DERRINGTON LOW CARBON COMMUNITY PROJECT MEETING
On Tuesday 20th July at 7.15 pm at the Village Hall (in the office!)**

Thanks to everyone for continuing their support of this project!!!

1 Welcome and Introductions:

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and Karen took notes while William chaired.

2 Present:

Those present included: Karen Davies, Rob Hine from Sustainability Matters, Sheena Davies, Will Sammons, Maggie Overton, Tom Proctor, Lyndsey, Edward.

3 Apologies: Apologies had been received from Cllr Ray Sutherland and Rosemary Lofty and Helen Sammons were at the special Village Hall Committee meeting.

4 Note and actions from the last meeting on May 18th:

The notes were agreed as correct.

Most actions/matters arising are on the agenda.

Karen has laminated several 'Walkwise' posters to promote the Health Walk and put these up around the village.

The group had agreed to donate £100 towards the Healthy Heart Exercise Class and a cheque is in the pipeline.

There was a Derrington – Way Ahead display with the pull up banners and literature/leaflets at the Village and Church Fete on Sat 5th June.

Rosemary to see what links could be made between Derrington - Way Ahead and the Harvest Festival in October.

5 Village Hall Energy Measures:

Since the last meeting there has been progress as follows:

£13,500 committed to package of energy measures (reproofing, zoned heating, solar PV).

Bid submitted to Staffordshire Environment Fund (SEF) and awaiting appraisal visit.

The Leader bid has now passed through Stage One following a presentation to the Rural Panel last week. A meeting with the Leader supporting officer took place today and the Stage Two application must be completed by August 6th. (Helen and Karen).

After that we have to go the Rural Panel again on 1st September and then the LAG on September 8th or 9th. That is when we will have a yes or no!

We are awaiting confirmation of the amount committed by Cllr Winnington and whether the Parish Council can also make a contribution.

On July 6th a solar PV demo was set up at the Village Hall by consultants 'Haven Kaye' and a presentation was also given to the Village hall Committee on solar PV and the new feed in tariffs. This had been publicised by posters and fliers to all households and on the Summer Newsletter. Several people came to have a look and ask questions. The Village Hall Committee are very keen and have since been discussing funding options.

The planning application for the PV installation has been submitted and we hope to have a result in August.

6 Brief update on Current Activities:

a) Summer Newsletter

This was circulated to all households with an A5 flier of the two imminent events inserted, and seems to have been well received. We agreed we should try to publish one every 6 months. It contained lots of useful information, including a summary of the evaluation of the project so far, approaching events and ongoing activities. Thanks to everyone who contributed and who helped deliver them!!

b) Community bench Making on the Greenway

The purpose of this is to encourage people to walk and cycle along the track and to stop and relax, have a rest, and is especially aimed at people who cannot walk very far. We had met up with the SCC Countryside Unit officer and he led the practical work on the day. Eleven people came and made up two work parties and we completed two benches in as many hours, finishing with sandwiches at the Red Lion. Thanks to all those who helped in different ways. We plan to do two more benches shortly and will publicise the date asap (**Karen**). **Rob** will send a press release out with a picture from the day (excluding those who are camera shy).

c) Local Food Festival 11th September

Rob summarised activities/events/people attending to date.

We have sent a flier to the school (attached with electronic minutes - **Karen**).

We will need gazebos (**Rob and Others**).

A food miles activity to be organised (**Karen**).

A Derrington – Way Ahead display top to be put together inc photos and evaluation results (**Karen and Beat the Cold**).

7) Evaluation of Project

A summary of progress and has been submitted to the SBC Members' Digest so that all Councillors are kept up to date of progress.

An article has also been put into the Summer Newsletter. Outstanding achievements include:

- Launch Event in May 2009 attracted over 200 people
- Beat the Cold carried out 54 home energy visits, helping households save energy and money
- Local Food Festival in September 2009 attended by about 300 people
- 40 households planted an apple tree, plus two residents planted a further 60 fruit trees
- 15 trees planted to create an orchard at Cooper Perry Primary School
- 'Climate Change' film season drew 60 or so people

Besides these, a wide range of practical actions have been undertaken by individuals such as swapping to low-energy light bulbs, walking and cycling more, eating more local food, using the cycle track, growing veg, installing a new boiler, installing a water meter, using an energy monitor, placing a water saver in the cistern, turning down the thermostat, recycling more and reducing energy use overall. In our evaluation survey:

75% of respondents considered that the initiative had helped the environment

87% thought the project has helped them personally; **60%** were aware of the Way Ahead webpages

44% had changed their travel habits with **67%** of people either using the car less, using public transport more, or walking or cycling more

49% had started growing their own food or buying local food as a result of this project and

47% believed they had reduced their energy consumption.

The full evaluation report will be on the Village Hall (Way Ahead) webpages shortly (**Rob**) and will be circulated with the minutes (**Karen**).

8 Promotion etc

Rob has continued to update the webpages. The web pages will be undergoing a change of some kind, and Rob has discussed this with John Dunning.

Rob and Rosemary have both been submitting articles and snippets for the Church/Village Magazine. The last article was about keeping hens.

We will continue to produce fliers and out up posters as events require. It would be good to put an article in the Staffs Newsletter. **Karen** will publicise/update Members and Officers at SBC.

9 Community Group Health Check:

A copy of this is attached to the minutes (**Karen**). Please have a look and see if you think it's of use to us. It may be helpful in helping us put together a short term and longer term Action Plan for the group.

10 SBC Green Awards

Will is submitting an application. The Church, Village Hall Committee, WI Coffee Shop, for its excellent support of village life, and in particular, isolated and vulnerable people and Brownies might also enter? (**Sheena, Helen, can someone also talk to Tasha?**).

11 AOB

From the last meeting - the issues of bottle recycling at village hall and the pub was discussed. We felt it important to try to support more recycling in these places.

Karen has asked for advice from recycling officers at SBC and we have had some feedback but are awaiting more.

12 Date of our next meeting: Tuesday 24th August at the Village Hall at 7.15 pm

(Tom and Sheena away, apols in advance)

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