

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Action Group for Greening Colden Common
held at The Dog and Crook on 2nd June 2009 at 8.p.m.**

Present: Rob Veck (RV) **Apologies:** Nigel Albon (NA)
Mike Chater (MC)

Peter Rockhill (PR)
Stella Saunders (SS)
Richard Saunders (RS)
Mark Rowe (MR)
Sue Drawbridge (SD)

Emily Seller (ES)
Gavin Kirkpatrick (GK)
Simon Deykyn (SDa)
Rufus Bruce (RB)
Dave Gibbons (DG)
Caroline Chater (CC)
Sue Kirkpatrick (SK)

Action

Previous Minutes

All agreed these to be an accurate and true representation of the meeting.

Matters Arising

ES agreed to contact Korima re a local waste presentation to the group.

ES

MC will contact Jim Kirkpatrick (JK) to give a talk on peak oil. It was agreed that any appropriate information from such talks would be precised and used in our future communication bulletins.

MC

PR informed the group on his investigations into bank accounts and all agreed that the COOP is the most suitable place for the group banking account. The local Post Office will be the branch used. It was agreed that RV and PR will be the signatories. MC and CC agreed to circulate a short manifesto type business plan to the group. When agreed, PR will include with the application to open the bank account. It was again agreed that each individual would contribute £10 to this account.

**MC/CC
All
PR**

Funds

RS has completed an application to Southern Cooperatives for £250. Notification of any award will be received within 6-8 weeks.

It was unanimously agreed that an application be made to Winchester City Council for £500. RS will liaise with PR on the financial information required. He is preparing prices and documents as appropriate and RV agreed to provide the necessary information from the Parish Council minutes on their support of the Greening Colden Common project (February Parish Council meeting). RV will liaise with Richard Izzard (RI) of the Parish Council for a signature on this application on behalf of the Parish Council.

RS/RV/RI

Gardening Club

MC reported on his attendance at the meeting on 28th May. MC felt that he had eventually made headway with his discussions outlining the shared interests of the Gardening Club and the Greening group, especially with regard to the effects peak oil will have on food supplies for the whole population. MC was encouraged by some of their members' interest in promoting the gardening club and becoming more informed and more proactive in sharing their gardening knowledge. The Gardening Club agreed to have their stall adjacent to the Greening stall at the Fete and also to have future joint events, e.g. a seed swap and knowledge swap on the triangle play area to occur around Easter time.

RV emphasised the need to involve children and students (local schools and colleges) as target audiences for growing food; the key message being that there will not be enough food in 20 years.

Local Freecycle

DG agreed to investigate this and will contact Giles Gooding who is involved in the Winchester Freecycle scheme.

DG

Radio Solent

All agreed that MC had promoted the Greening campaign very well on his recent appearance on Radio Solent. DG will ask Jo Palmer from Radio Solent for a copy of this programme for inclusion on our website and ask if the Green stall at the Fete can be advertised on the 'What's On' slot. SD will likewise contact the makers of the Tell Tom programme.

**DG
SD**

Fete

MC, CC, MR, PR and DG agreed to help run the Fete stall. All were asked to seek out further assistance from friends, family and supporters. RV will also circulate a note.

**All
RV**

PR will pay £12.50 for the stall from the new bank account on Fete day.

PR

Those making the elderflower champagne and cordial have made good progress. MC asked for donations of suitable bottles.

All

PR asked for further donations of rhubarb to make into local jam.

All/PR

GK will investigate acquiring 300 degradable paper cups.

GK

MC asked for any contributions of baskets or containers to display produce.

All/MC

RS agreed to collect 2 gazebos from Abbeyfields and deliver to Hope Cottage prior to 20th June.

RS

SDa will arrange with Maureen Rees the loan and collection of an extra table from the Community Centre.

SDa

SS has been in touch with The Really Wild Bird Company and obtained samples of their local bird seed which will be used on the stall to promote sourcing local rather than foreign seed to feed our birds. SS will deliver to Hope Cottage.

SS

Competitions

1. ES will supply a full list of the produce available from her source for inclusion in the local food box. This will be ready for the next Fete meeting. MR has made extensive investigations and has printed out some excellent details on air miles and local food facts which will make good displays for the stall. MR has also produced some brilliant medieval recipe sheets. The final details of the food boxes and the competition to guess the food miles of the imported food box compared to the short distance of the local produce will take place at the Fete meeting. A map with a 10km radius will be also be produced. MR will do further investigations on this and in addition will liaise with SS re the Hants Food Festival July programme which lists local food suppliers.

ES

**MR
SS**

2. RV will finalise the school competition details with Colden Common School. The prize of children's gardening tools has been bought and is at Hope Cottage. **RV**

N.B. FETE MEETING 16TH JUNE AT HOPE COTTAGE TO FINALISE ARRANGEMENTS.
Communications Subgroup

ES reported on the meeting held on 28th May. Questions emanating from this meeting were clarified and discussed as follows:

RV confirmed that the standard 'Greening Colden Common' logo and the letterhead and fonts from the West Harting newsletter can all be used.

There was a unanimous agreement to the proposal by RV, seconded by RS to re-use the work done by JK on his Hampshire Greening website and integrate /incorporate this into a 'greeningcoldencommon.org.uk' website. PR and RV agreed to meet with JK to discuss and carry out further development of our new website. RV to contact JK after 4th June. **PR/RV/JK
RV**

ES reminded the group that the deadline for the Village Newsletter was 27th July for September publication. Work will be carried out on the article (mainly about the Fete and food issues) by the Communications Subgroup (Comms). **Comms**

DG agreed to share his knowledge of the Creative Commons licence which allows the sharing of information freely. **DG**

Much discussion occurred about communications and RV asked the subgroup to solidify a formal plan on the regularity of communication bulletins, in what format and to whom and whether to carry out a survey to identify what villagers were interested in. ES asked all to start collecting copy, e.g. photos (DG will take photos at the Fete). **All
DG**

CC proposed the first communication to be an 'e' newsletter in September with hard copies being placed in local shops and businesses. ES seconded this proposal which was unanimously agreed. RV agreed to print off the hard copies. **Comms
RV**

RV agreed to produce small business cards to hand out at the Fete to include website, email address and details of contacts. **RV**

RV introduced RB who works in TV editing and who has agreed to help set up 'Green TV' using equipment we have. The group's vision is to involve local schoolchildren, secondary schoolchildren and students from Peter Symonds and Sparsholt. RV proposed that a project therefore be commenced to set up 'Green TV'. SD seconded this and it was unanimously agreed. In order for this to start during September term, MC agreed to contact Julie, headteacher at Colden Common School, the Media Studies department at Kings School and Peter Symonds (SDa to supply contact name). Sparsholt College will also have to be contacted. **MC
SDa**

Any Other Business

SS announced the showing of the film 'End of the Line' at the Screen, Winchester on Monday, 8th June.

Reminder that 'The Age of Stupid' is being shown at the Point on Wednesday, 10th June.

Next Meeting(s)

Fete Meeting Tuesday, 16th June at Hope Cottage at 8.00 p.m.

7th July at 8 p.m. at The Dog and Crook. The group will aim to meet regularly on the first Tuesday of the month.

