

MINUTES OF GREENPRINT ENVIRONMENT FORUM

Monday 28 April 2009, 7.00pm

Woodbridge Community Centre

Present

Deborah Wargate	SCDC
Phil Gore	SCDC
Judy Masters	Greener Fram
Barbara Howards	Greener Fram
Kate Ayre's	Greener Fram
Nigel McKean	Transition Woodbridge
Betsey Reid	Transition Woodbridge/plastic bag free
Guy Ackers	Suffolk Wildlife Trust
Vanessa Gregory	Transition Woodbridge
Claire Ling	Transition Woodbridge
Jenny Friend	Hollesley Parish Council
Micheal Friend	Hollesley Parish Council
Liz Mark	Bawdsey Parish Council
Mr D Aufenast	Bawdsey Parish Council
Laurence Burrows	Martlesham Parish Council representative
Gillian Hughes	Felixstowe Society
Frank Huxley	Leiston Area Environment Concern
Joan Huxley	Leiston Area Environment Concern
Fiona Patrick	SCDC
Alan Clement	
Colin Coates	
Cllr Mrs C Carr-Tansley	The WADD Project
Andrew Nunn	SCDC

Apologies – Mary Dixon, Charles Notcutt, Gill Denny

1. Introductions

Phil Gore welcomed everyone to the Greenprint Forum.

Updates

Climate Change Strategy

- Has been approved by cabinet for consultation
- Consultation will be circulated to all Greenprint members
- Hard copy will be available in Reception

Dates for Diary

Surgery sessions to Help Communities Bids for Funding

Wednesday 20th May 2009 – Saxmundham, 9:30 – 13:30

Wednesday 10th June 2009 – Suffolk Coastal District Council, 9:30 – 13:30

To book a 1 hour slot phone 01473 273273

2. C-change Coastal – Deborah Wargate, Sustainability Officer, SCDC

- 3 pilot groups already set up
- Looking for 3 more groups
- £2,000 funding for each community group to be used on training etc
- Community can be a geographical group or a Community based group
- If you have a community that would be interested please put your bid into Deborah by 18 May 2009.

3. Greener Fram – Judy Master & Barbara Howard

- Judy and Barbara started Greener Fram about a year ago.
- Organised a Global Warming day which included Lectures and discussions as well as local business that provide a range on environmentally friendly products. 150 people came, 20 volunteered to get involved, 8 people formed the steering group.
- Simple Constitution - advice on reducing carbon footprint, possible ways to sustainable communities and advice on transport and living.
- Struggled without funding but the successful bid for the C-Change Coastal Local Strategic Partnership funding means they are now able to run monthly events.
- Current projects - Solar Heating bulk buy with SEAL, Attending Glenham Energy Fair and setting up a light bulb library.
- Website – www.greenerfram.org.uk

4. Transition Woodbridge – Nigel McKean

- Presentation on Peak oil and the Transition approach to tackling it and climate change.
- Transition Woodbridge is part of transition towns, a grassroots movement whose aim is to encourage our towns, cities and villages to be able to cope with the challenges presented by peak oil and climate change.
- Created in Autumn 2008 with approximately 150 on the mailing list and a steering group of about 8.
- C-Change bid will be used to purchase presentation equipment, fund events and to train members of the group in spreading the transition message and low carbon lifestyle skills.
- Website – www.transitionwoodbridge.org.uk

5. The Problem with Plastic – Deborah Wargate

A short DVD was shown - Plastic Problem by Marine Conservation Society

- Plastic of all kinds is damaging our environment

- Fatal effects on sea life and wildlife
- Large amounts of plastic in the sea
- Modbury, Devon is plastic bag free – www.plasticbagfree.com
- Help clean the beaches – www.adoptabeach.org.uk

6. Plastic Bag Free Woodbridge – Betsy Reid

- Funding for 2,500 re-usable bags – 2,000 of which are now in use
- 3 Events since June 2008 including a fantastic exhibition of art work by Fran Crow using plastic that Fran had collected on the beach
- Recent Survey shows that fewer people are taking a carrier bag from shops
- Aims – to get shops to charge for current stocks of carrier bags and when stocks have finished not to supply anymore.

Next Meeting

27th July 2009 – Council Chamber, Suffolk Coastal District Council