

## **LOW CARBON LYMM (LCL)**

### **Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

#### **Attendees:**

Edd Duncan  
Paul Goddard  
Paul Morgan  
John Ogle  
Richard Pearce  
Diane Porter  
Richard Rust  
Alan Turner  
Rachel Waggett

**Guest:** Lesley McAllister, Transport Planning Team, Warrington Borough Council.

See last page for contact details.

#### **1. Apologies**

Apologies received from Raymond Chan, Zoe Cohen, Rod King, Jack Tidswell, Steve Walsh, Su Williams, Ann Wilson and Duncan Yellen

#### **2. Minutes of meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

These were approved without alteration.

#### **3. Membership**

John Ogle reported that there are 16 paid-up members of LCL and a further 18 who are interested in being involved but have not become formal members (i.e. those with voting rights).

#### **4. Set-up and Funding**

John is in the process of setting-up the bank account with the Coop. He will be asking signatories to provide information on their bank accounts etc.

Richard Pearce is finalizing the core budget including monthly meeting costs, room hire, refreshments, website hosting and other promotional activities. It will include in-kind contributions from members and others e.g. the design of the website. This will probably work out at about £2K per year.

He circulated a list of funding schemes and will be making an application to the Grassroots Grant Programme for the core funding in the near future.

Other potential sources include:

- Northwest Climate Fund (Foundation)
- Community Sustainable Energy Fund (CSEP) (e.g. for the hydro scheme)
- Green Streets Two
- Neighbourhood Scheme for community projects (check with Bob Barr).

Edd Duncan will circulate a proforma for members to provide details of areas of expertise and interests in LCL.

#### **5. Awareness**

No progress yet on the logo but since the meeting Rachel Waggett has produced a suggested design.

Zoe Cohen has been working on the website with help from a friend, Sean. Since the meeting, a draft site has been developed and circulated for comment. The general reaction has been very favourable.

An article on LCL was published in latest edition of Lymm Life. Richard has sent a copy of John Ogle's "In praise of the no. 5 bus" for the next issue.

No progress with Warrington Guardian.

Richard Pearce has been in touch with Shaun Kerfoot regarding the May Queen on June 13<sup>th</sup> and a stand has been reserved. We will produce an improved version of our flyer and get literature and "freebies" from Energy Savings Trust Advice Centre, Warrington Council, energy suppliers etc.  
*May Queen Subgroup*: Richard Pearce, Diane Porter, Rachel Waggett, John Ogle.

Diane Porter has been investigating a local screening of the Age of Stupid at Lymm High School and has discussed this with Raymond Chan who is keen to help. It was agreed that we should try for the evening of 12<sup>th</sup> June provisionally but after the meeting Raymond has found out that none of the rooms at the School will be available on the date. Another option of 3<sup>rd</sup> July would be in the middle of Lymm Festival and would clash with a number of other events. Another date in September will be investigated.

The guide price for hiring the DVD is from £50 to £350 dependent on the status of the group involved. We would probably charge about £5 per ticket to cover this cost and the venue hire.

## **6. Households & Schools**

Paul Goddard suggested giving school children surveys to do at home to produce 'mock' energy performance certificates (EPCs) using software from Northgate. Recommendations for simple energy savings measures could also be included.

Paul will draft a proposal, with help from John Ogle, to send into schools explaining what we aim to do: a simple survey for fun and to raise awareness with a mock certificate at the end to take home. Paul/John will send the proposal to LCL school champions to make contact with the various schools in Lymm.

The idea of a 'walk-through survey' of schools, suggested by John Ogle, was also discussed.

## **7. Transport**

Thanks to Lesley McAllister, Warrington BC's Principle Travel Planner, for speaking on Warrington's "Bikes & Boots" and "Bikeability" campaigns, amongst others, to promote walking and cycling in the Borough. Lesley welcomes calls and emails over anything transport-related. Also thanks to Steve Walsh for inviting Lesley to the meeting.

Lesley has provided copies of "Bikes & Boots" and "A Guide to Cycling in Warrington" plus large scale maps of cycling routes in Lymm which we can distribute at events such as the May Queen.

## **8. Energy Supply**

The Hydro subgroup had a meeting the week following our previous meeting and discussed the viability of a hydro power scheme in the village. There are three main options for location of the scheme: at the upper Dam, in the village centre and at the Bridgewater canal, with the canal option seeming to be the most promising.

The next steps are:

- Finding the best location for the hydro scheme
- Conducting a feasibility study over the coming months
- Identifying funding needs and possible funding sources.

Richard Rust has spoken to the Development Director at Peel Energy (Peel Holdings is the owner of the canal) who is interested in the scheme but currently too busy to investigate it himself although he will pursue a project if our own feasibility study is successful. Richard estimates the cost of a basic feasibility study would be around £3000 (5-6 days time). Richard Pearce pointed out that the CSEP will fund feasibility studies.

## **9. Waste Management**

Nothing to report at this meeting. Paul Morgan will progress this with Steve Walsh.

## **10. Businesses**

Richard Pearce will attend the Lymm Traders meeting next week and make them aware of LCL and low carbon support schemes available to them.

## **11. Local Food**

Charlotte Burton is working on the local food map of Lymm. Diane Porter suggested the possibility of using a display screen that may be available to present it at the May Queen, otherwise a printed poster on our stand may be an alternative.

## **12. Date and time of next meeting**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30pm at Oughtrington Community Centre.**

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