

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

### **Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2009**

#### **Attendees:**

Sean Barton  
Charlotte Burton  
Edd Duncan  
Nick Johnson  
Roy Kemsley  
Paul Morgan  
John Ogle  
Richard Pearce  
Diane Porter  
Richard Rust (at end of meeting)  
Steve Walsh

**Guest:** Dave Watson (Climate Change Programme Manager - Warrington BC)

See last page for contact details (Appendix 1).

#### **1. Apologies**

Apologies received from Zoe Cohen, Alan Turner, Rachel Waggett and Duncan Yellen

#### **2. Minutes of meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

These were approved without alteration.

#### **3. Membership**

John Ogle reported that there are now 18 paid-up members of LCL and a further 21 who are interested in being involved but have not become formal members (i.e. those with voting rights).

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

John is in the final stages of setting-up the bank account with the Coop. He has received all information from signatories and is submitting the application for approval.

Richard Pearce has finalized the core budget including monthly meeting costs, room hire, refreshments, website hosting and other promotional activities. It includes "in-kind" contributions from members and others e.g. the design of the website. The annual budget totals £3376.00 – see breakdown in Appendix 2.

He is in the process of making an application to the Grassroots Grant Programme for the core funding identified. Other potential sources are as listed in the minutes of the previous meeting:

- 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).

Northwest Climate Fund (Foundation) has a July 31<sup>st</sup> deadline for its latest funding round and was suggested as a possible source of funding. Richard

Pearce suggested that we could go for a behavioural change project. Dave Watson has been in touch with Foundation about this and the response was not encouraging since they generally only fund projects that can deliver measurable carbon reduction benefits e.g. associated with the installation of specific low/zero carbon technologies.

Oughtrington Primary School was identified as a possibility for grant funding e.g. for renewables to be incorporated into a planned extension. John Ogle will follow this up.

## **5. Local Food**

Charlotte reported that the Cheshire branch of Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) is organising a meeting to present details of a local food mapping project in Knutsford on 16<sup>th</sup> June and to present local food awards. Charlotte is involved in the project as a CPRE volunteer. LCL members are invited and Richard Pearce will circulate details.

Charlotte has started to work on the local food map for Lymm and she circulated illustrations of a map covering a 5 mile radius of Lymm and another for the village centre. Since she is new to Lymm, she asked LCL members to provide information on local food sources to include in the maps especially the retailers in the village. It was agreed that we would display a large scale map of Lymm at the May Queen event for visitors to add their suggestions. Dave Watson offered to provide the base map for this and also to help with the identification of local food retailers from Council records.

## **6. Waste Management**

Steve Walsh has spoken to Briege Ashley at the Coop about a campaign to reduce number of plastic bags being given out. The response was positive and the manager of the local Coop is scheduled to attend one of our meetings.

Steve and Paul Morgan suggested a campaign to promote the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle message to Lymm households through the web site and to provide links to other web sites which contain information and support on recycling, home composting and reuse (e.g. Freecycle). They are also keen to do something on plastics in general since it is confusing which materials can be recycled at present and which cannot.

Paul also raised the issue of food waste and the scope for a project in Lymm to recover energy from this waste stream by investing in a small scale anaerobic digestion (AD) plant. This would be a complex and ambitious project and would be something for the future but there is work in progress on the development of micro-AD technologies.

Richard Pearce reported that Andy Cutts, Waste Minimisation & Recycling Manager for Warrington BC, has kindly provided a box of very informative leaflets and booklets for the May Queen event.

Dave Watson suggested that Paul McHenry, Waste Services Manager for Warrington BC, could attend our next meeting and it was agreed that this would be a good thing. This has since been confirmed.

## **7. Awareness Web Site**

A vote of thanks was given to Zoe Cohen and Sean Barton for organising and producing the website. Zoe has volunteered to undertake the role of Webmaster, in which she will receive, edit and publish articles people wish to

put onto the website, so that subsequent comments and dialogue can occur through "blogging".

The web site could be used to exchange knowledge and 'real life' experiences of solar thermal installations, biomass wood burning stoves etc and to provide guidance to those who are considering such installations.

Sean will look at how to integrate the logo Rachel Waggett has produced so that it can be incorporated into the website.

A 'training' session on the LCL website to enable us to contribute material through blogs etc will be run by Sean. This has been arranged for **Monday 29th June** at the Crown Pub (they have wifi) starting **at about 8pm** and going on for a couple of hours max.

John Ogle will update the website with the members list.

### **May Queen**

Richard Pearce circulated a list of materials and freebies which will be displayed on the LCL stand on the May Queen field on 13<sup>th</sup> June. This will include materials from EST Advice Centre and Warrington Borough Council. WBC has already provided materials on waste (see item 6) and cycling/walking via Lesley McAllister). Dave Watson will ask his energy colleague at the Council for materials and freebies.

Offers of help on the day have been received from John Ogle, Zoe Cohen, Charlotte Burton, Chris Coleman, Richard Rust and Rachel Waggett.

### **Age of Stupid**

Diane Porter is continuing to investigate dates for the Age of Stupid screening at the High School as our preferred dates in June and July conflict with other events. A Friday or Saturday evening in September has now been proposed and will be investigated.

Dave Watson expressed interest in screening the film to colleagues in the Council and offered to make a donation towards the cost of hiring the DVD. John Ogle is also keen to host a lunchtime session in Altrincham at Aecom.

## **8. Energy Supply (Hydro)**

Richard Rust sent his apologies as he was on business and could not attend till the end of the meeting.

John Ogle reported that Richard Rust is looking at alternative sites around the Lymm area including at Heatley and the Lower Dam. He has had a response from two organizations and estimates for preliminary feasibility studies which would cost in the region of £750 for each site. Gaining funding for a feasibility study covering three different sites was proposed as it would enable each to be compared on costs vs. power producing potential amongst other factors.

As noted in the previous meeting, Richard Pearce pointed out that the CSEP will fund feasibility studies and he will also investigate other sources of funding.

### **Events for your diary:**

Community Produce Show, organised by Oughtrington Community Orchard will be held at Oughtrington Community Centre on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September from 2 to 4pm: <http://www.oughtrington.co.uk/orchard/>

Cheshire Show: w/c Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wed 24<sup>th</sup> June  
<http://www.cheshirecountyshow.org.uk/>

Big Lunch: Basically a big street party with home cooked local food brought along by everyone! Sun 19<sup>th</sup> July. The possibility of organising an event in Lymm was discussed.  
<http://www.thebiglunch.com/>

**9. Date and time of next meeting**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm at Oughtrington Community Centre.**

## Appendix 1

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## Appendix 2 Core Budget for 2009-10

| Costs and Income   | Activity Area           | Cost Items                  | Number | Unit cost (£) | Cost inc VAT (£) | Comments                                    |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|---------------|------------------|---|
| <b>COSTS</b>       | <b>Monthly meetings</b> | Hire of meeting room        | 12     | 24            | 288.00           | Oughtrington Community Centre               |
|                    |                         | Refreshments                | 12     | 15            | 180.00           |   |
|                    |                         | <b>Sub-total</b>            |        |               | <b>468.00</b>    |   |
|                    | <b>Website</b>          | Domain name                 | na     | na            | 58.00            | Easyspace                                   |
|                    |                         | Design and set-up           |        |               | 800.00           | In-kind contribution                        |
|                    |                         | Web hosting                 |        |               | 50.00            |   |
|                    |                         | <b>Sub-total</b>            |        |               | <b>858.00</b>    |   |
|                    | <b>Flyers/posters</b>   | Flyers/cards                | 5000   | 0.1           | 500.00           |   |
|                    |                         | Posters (laminated)         | 50     | 2             | 100.00           | topic posters for Village notice boards etc |
|                    |                         | Banner                      |        |               | 150.00           |   |
|                    |                         | <b>Sub-total</b>            |        |               | <b>750.00</b>    |   |
|                    | <b>Age of Stupid</b>    | DVD rental                  |        |               | 100.00           |   |
|                    |                         | Venue                       |        |               | 250.00           | High School                                 |
|                    |                         | <b>Sub-total</b>            |        |               | <b>350.00</b>    |   |
|                    | <b>Features</b>         | Advertisement in Lymm Life  | 3      | 250           | <b>750.00</b>    |   |
| <b>Contingency</b> | Misc printing etc       |                             |        | <b>200.00</b> |                  |   |
|                    | <b>TOTAL COSTS</b>      |                             |        |               | <b>3376.00</b>   |   |
| <b>INCOME</b>      | <b>Membership</b>       | Annual membership           | 30     | 10            | 300.00           |   |
|                    | <b>Age of Stupid</b>    | Ticket sales                | 100    | 5             | 500.00           |   |
|                    | <b>Website</b>          | Design and set-up (in-kind) |        |               | 800.00           |   |
|                    | <b>Grants</b>           | Grassroots                  |        |               | 1776.00          |   |
|                    | <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>     |                             |        |               | <b>3376.00</b>   |   |