

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

### **Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

#### **Attendees:**

Charlotte Burton  
Zoe Cohen  
Edd Duncan  
Malcolm Nixon  
John Ogle  
Richard Pearce  
Diane Porter  
Alan Quayle  
Chris Reeves  
Richard Rust  
Richard Sawyer  
Ruth Sawyer  
Chris Wakefield  
Steve Walsh  
Su Williams  
Jo Yellen

#### **1. Apologies**

Apologies received from Heather Gott, Paul Morgan, Dave Watson and Ann Wilson

Thanks to all who helped make the Dickensian Day such a success.

#### **2. Minutes of meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009**

Amendment to end of item 12 – Charlotte Burton suggested that we organise a campaign to get people to slow down when driving through Lymm and to encourage more cycling as a mode of transport.

#### **3. Membership**

John Ogle has proposed that we take yearly subscriptions for membership in April rather than to spread them out over the year since this will ease the administrative load. This was agreed by all.

#### **4. Funding Progress**

Richard Pearce reported on his progress with various grants for core funding in addition to those mentioned at our last meeting.

A renewable energy equipment supplier has donated £200 to LCL with “no-strings” attached.

The grant funding application to MWH for a feasibility study for the hydro scheme was successful, providing £1000 towards the costs. Congratulations and well done to Tania Flasck and Richard Rust for all their hard work! See below for more details on the study.

#### **5. Home Insulation Services**

Malcolm Nixon from Stephen Quinlan Surveying Services attended the meeting and presented the work his company is doing with Warrington BC to offer heavily subsidised insulation – cavity wall insulation for £89 and loft insulation for £139, both at a flat fee rate, no matter the size of the property within reason. They can also install additional loft insulation if the existing insulation is less than the recommended standard (270mm).

The insulation installation service is provided by Eaga, for more information see: <http://www.eaga.com/>

Malcolm and his colleagues will be taking a table at the New Year Event – see below. He also kindly offered to distribute leaflets about the event to a significant proportion of the households in Lymm.

## **6. New Year Event**

The New Year Event will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January at the Village Hall. A copy of the event poster and flyer was circulated at the meeting.

Stalls at the event will include:

- LCL signup stand with group info, handouts, 10:10 materials and freebies (power-down devices/light bulbs etc.)
- Pledge tree with pledges to reduce carbon savings
- Energy Savings Trust (EST) stand organised by Heather Gott including information on home energy saving and also a driving simulator to promote efficient driving.
- Local food stall promoting Charlotte Burton's local food map with colour handouts to give away.
- Riverford Organics (replaced on the day by Cheshire Organics)
- Friends of the Earth
- Warrington BC information on waste recycling and sustainable transport
- BeMoore Bikes
- Solarflair – solar water heating suppliers
- Renewable Solutions – solar PV, heat pumps etc
- Fairtrade Food Stall run by Ruth Sawyer
- ISHMI Fairtrade Gifts
- Driftwood Art stall (for sale) made by Joanne Bolton
- Raffle with prizes donated by the various commercial stall holders
- Refreshments of drinks and cakes will also be sold.

Promotion of the event includes posters, flyers, advert and article in Lymm Life, article in the Warrington Guardian and posting on Lymm.net. Richard Pearce encouraged members to promote the event to their friends and networks. Members also undertook to help with the distribution of flyers and posters including to the schools in Lymm. Richard asked for volunteers to distribute flyers in the Village next Saturday morning.

250 reusable bags have been donated by Warrington BC Waste Services to give out at the event. Su Williams is looking into printing the LCL logo onto the bags.

The Newsletter, produced by Diane Porter with contributions from a number of LCL members, is to be finalised and distributed at the event.

## **7. Green Communities**

We are working with Heather Gott on the Green Communities Action Plan and will discuss this at the next meeting. Heather has provided a lot of help with the design of the poster, flyer and advert for the New Year event.

## **8. Local Food Map**

Charlotte Burton updated the meeting on the local food map and circulated a draft for comment. All agreed that this is a very useful initiative and there was a discussion about the types of outlets which should be included on the map e.g. those who grow/make local food, those who source locally produced food and fair-trade food. A first edition of the map will be produced for the New Year event and this will be used to encourage feedback.

## **9. Hydro Scheme**

Richard Rust reported that we now need to appoint a consultant to undertake the work but Richard will first get as much background information as possible to make the most of the study.

Richard has also made contact with a company which supplies water wheels – an option for the centre of Lymm between Sextons and the sunken garden. The equipment would be relatively inexpensive at around £10,000 (excluding civils) with a rate of return of between 5 and 10% and a 1 to 1.5 kWe power output. It was been suggested that the power produced could be used to power the streetlights in the centre of Lymm.

## **10. Schools**

The Ravenbank Primary School energy audit, which was undertaken by John Ogle and Edd Duncan, will be sent out as soon as possible. When this has been completed, we will offer a similar service to the other schools in Lymm.

## **11. Waste Management**

A sub-group consisting of Paul Morgan, Steve Walsh, John Ogle and Edd Duncan will investigate the feasibility of investing in an Anaerobic Digestion plant to treat food waste from the Village.

Diane Porter drew the meeting's attention to the plans by WBC to close two recycling centres in Warrington. There is a campaign by local residents and Friends of the Earth to oppose this since it will mean people having to travel much further to recycle a range of waste materials.

## **12. Wood Biomass**

No more progress has been made on the local sourcing of wood as discussed at the last meeting. The next step will be for LCL to approach some local woodland owners. Jo Yellen and Alan Quayle offered to help with this and Richard Pearce will co-ordinate.

## **13. Any Other Business**

Richard Sawyer suggested that LCL should organise a 'Green Tour' of Lymm in which residents with low carbon homes/installations (e.g. biomass boilers, PV, solar water heaters, heat pumps etc) would open-up their homes for people to see these installations in action e.g. like the Open Gardens event at Lymm Festival. This could be organised at the same time as the Festival. Richard Pearce will contact Honor Giles who is the Director of Lymm Festival to discuss this.

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

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010 at 7.30pm at Oughtrington Community Centre.**