

Notes for our meeting 10.5.21

- I guess the first thing we need to consider is our purpose and try and come up with a purpose statement. I guess when I first started, I had assumed we could do and get involved in anything. I now realise because we operate under the umbrella of the Parish Council, we have certain restrictions and having to go back to the Parish Council for approval means that it will take time to move things forward.

The main thing we need to think about is our ultimate objective. If we are aligned to the climate emergency declaration this is a reduction in CO2 emissions. However, this is not particularly engaging so in my view we need to do things which are much more tangible such as recycling, flower planting, habitat creation and other well being activities whilst trying to link these to the climate emergency and Herefordshire 30 30 vision. The note Gwyneth sent out provides an exceptionally good template. Lesley also sent out a great suggestion.

Mission Statement of the Marden Environmental and Sustainability Group [E&SG]

: 'We are a small group of people from Marden Parish who are committed to supporting the community in reducing both our carbon footprint and our recycling and waste, to help contribute to cutting climate change. An important aspect of this is the planting of bushes and trees, re-wild some public and private areas thereby improving the air quality and aesthetic of our own locality and improving the well-being of all residents.'

In terms of **aims**, we could further write short bullet points such as;

- To set up collections of recyclable items not currently recycled by Herefordshire Council.
 - To inform residents of where they can recycle items in the two tips, Leominster and Hereford.
 - To write a series of articles covering subjects of sustainability and environment to support smaller changes which can be made by any household
 - To hold events, when we are able, which complement other Parish activities and support our mission statement.
 - To encourage walking, cycling and, when safe, car sharing, and also bus use
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- Recycling. Not sure if people have seen yet but George has now got his 10 bins sorted outside his house with very comprehensive notes on what can and cannot go in. The list of what he is covering is in News and Views. He has added 2 further items, crisp packets, and kids' food pouches. He will contact Doug about putting something in the June News and Views to advertise it. He is also speaking to Maggie Newton about doing something at school. He purchased 10 bins which are robust for people to put recycling in. The cost of these was £179.90 and if we all agree I would like to approach the Parish Council about contributing to this.
- I still believe this leaves us lots of room to operate whilst complimenting what George is doing. I would like to do 3 things. Firstly, I would like us to put an article in the June News and Views listing what can go to the council tips and supporting this by picking 3 of the more

difficult items to collect. We could collect on the first Saturday of each month at the village hall starting in July. I will attach a list of what can be brought to each council site at the end. The only challenge I see is that in theory you are only allowed to take your own waste so we would need permission. The other items I have in mind are pill wrappers / containers and plastic wrapping from vegetables etc. The next stage of the plan would be to look at skips as a replacement for the freighter in the autumn.

- I have contacted Beth about the carbon tool and developments. She was meant to be coming back to me by the end of last week as they had an important development meeting, I will chase her up and come back to you. I have had a play on EEVIE. As a tool to play around on then it probably stimulates thoughts but from my perspective it is overly simplistic especially on the Carbon use tool. I prefer the green network one but do understand the attraction of an APP based tool. If the information coming back from Beth is positive, I would be very keen to get backing from the Parish Council to see if we can use it in Marden.
- Finally, I am keen on the concept of a coffee morning with various stalls for people to look at and an opportunity to try and get feedback on what people feel is important. Everything points towards September being the right time (in my view).

List of items recycled at Leominster. Hereford is the same except they won't take Books/ CD/DVD.

- Paper and Cardboard
- Glass jars and bottles
- Plastic bottles
- Textile banks
- Books/CD/DVD
- Garden waste
- Household batteries
- Electrical appliances
- Fluorescent tubes and energy saving lightbulbs
- Automotive batteries
- Used engine oil
- Scrap metal
- Food and drink cans
- Foil
- Soil and rubble
- Wood and timber
- Plasterboard
- Mobile phones
- Printer cartridges
- Chemicals (including non-water based paints)
- Cement bonded asbestos
- Gas bottles
- Waste to landfill (including water based paints)