

BOTHER

Minutes of meeting 20.11.19 at Cardinals Hatt

Present: Chris Burns, Margaret Matthews

Apologies: Elizabeth Pearson, Helena Vallis, Sarah Edwards, Dan Mavin, Victoria Lyth, Jane Buckley

GROUP SIZE/PARTICIPATION

The group's very evident shortage of members was discussed, and the associated constraints on its ability to function effectively. Ideas were briefly discussed for gaining new members, such as putting up notices on the two boards and on the parish Facebook site, and giving talks in the local school(s).

Action

*Chris to enquire about the appropriate age for youth participation (secondary only, or Year 6 too?)
Margaret to apply for a dedicated area on the Facebook site, and arrange for an appeal to be posted on both physical boards*

Margaret to circulate a draft poster for amends by group

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

1 Youth involvement

MF had contacted Izzy but had received no reply

2 BULB

Members' attention had been drawn to two problems: accessing the relevant part of the website and the relatively high cost of BULB energy. The example given was around £600 pa for EDF compared to around £930 pa for BULB. Meanwhile Sarah's research had suggested that BULB was competitive.

Action:

Dan to investigate and advise

3 Recycling bins near bus stop

Action:

MF to check the latest situation at the November PC meeting and report

4 Friends of the Earth

There was agreement that, given the current group size and involvement levels, it would be unrealistic to widen participation to a national level. However, the group would refer to FoE for ideas and information.

OTHER MATTERS

1 Group coordinator Malcolm had notified the group that he is no longer able to continue in this role, though he will remain an active member of the group, and continue to liaise with the PC.

(Action:

Urgent need for a volunteer to take over the coordinator's role.)

2 Leaflet drop

Helena had suggested that we maintain momentum by distributing a leaflet with practical advice/tips, and suggested that we initially focus on the 5 Rs. Margaret suggested that we could also mention any relevant programmes on mainstream media (eg BBC's radio and TV documentaries about veganism).

Malcolm raised the issue of delivery and pointed out that we are very short handed. Margaret and Chris agreed to do/arrange part of any delivery, but other volunteers would be needed. The PC will fund production the leaflets.

Malcolm identified two relevant websites: <http://swcoalition.org/2014/06/5-rs-sustainability-reduce-recycle-reuse-rot-refuse?> And <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/>

(Action:

Leaflet to be drafted (?volunteer)

Malcolm to ask Dave Edwards about publishing procedure.

3 Next meeting

Sunday 8th December 7pm at Cardinals Hatt