

**LOW CARBON LYMM (LCL)  
Forum Meeting Minutes  
30<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

**Attendees**

Charlotte Burton  
Peter Owen  
Maureen Dunford  
Brian Davies  
Richard Pearce (Chair)  
Zoe Cohen  
Alan Quayle  
Rachel Waggett  
Steve Walsh

Peter Owen  
Alan Turner  
Marion McNaughton  
Chris Wakefield  
Diane Porter  
Andrew Morris  
Cath Lester  
Jo Yellen  
Chris Reeves

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Su Williams, David Cockayne, Trish Lowe, Keven Lester, Nick Rigg.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

It was agreed that the minutes were accurate.

**3. Matters arising**

Most matters arising are covered within the project group updates (item 4). Two items of news since the last meeting:

*Dickensian Day* – lots of leaflets handed out, people's awareness was raised of LCL. This was a real group effort and there were several people who made the event so successful. Thanks recorded to Andrew, Chris and Ann for organising Dickensian Day, also to Callum McLaughlin for recruiting his sister and others to give out leaflets, and to Su Williams for working with the youth club on this project.

*Solar schools PV update* – The schools solar project is still on hold as the Government, although they lost the appeal against their changes to the feed-in tariff, are now planning to appeal to the Supreme Court.

4. **Resolution re co-op bank and signatories.** We require a resolution to change the signatories and continue with Co-op bank. We wish to remove two current signatories (members who have left LCL) and replace with Nick Rigg and Zoe Cohen. The resolution was proposed by Chris Reeves and seconded by Alan Turner. Carried unanimously.

**5. Project Group updates**

**5.1 Trees in Lymm Group**

Trying to organise next meeting, members of the group who have expressed interest in being involved in this group have received an email about this. Cath has spoken to Claire at the Woodland Trust, who is also in charge of Spud Wood. She is very keen to get involved with LCL and is planning to attend the next meeting. Claire has had contact from a coppice worker and is interested in the possibility of wood fuel. She is keen to liaise with those working on the community orchard. The Woodland Trust also produce packs on trees for schools, hedgerow packs etc.

The next meeting will focus on 'take away trees' and the Jubilee woodlands. We also need to think about somewhere to put all these trees. Please add your name to the group if you wish to attend. Likely to be 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> February.

At Marbury Country Park they are using the idea of 'Woodland allotments' – marked trees enabled allotment holders to harvest these for firewood.

Noted that in all tree planting projects we need to make sure that we take account of maintenance, that ongoing maintenance is planned and costed in to the planting projects.

## **5.2 Plastic bag free Lymm**

Sub-group meeting last Thursday in the Green Dragon, the group is moving forward with designing stickers for shop windows, also 'remember your bags' labels, and posters. The next Lymm Traders meeting will be attended to discuss.

Co-op and Sainsbury's need to be approached next and it has been decided to approach them informally to start with.

New larger bins have been installed in the village – missed opportunity for recycling bins to be installed. Need to mention this at the Parish Council – it is a shame that recycling bins couldn't have been put in at the time.

## **5.3 Local food**

Abbey Leys Farmer's Market – first Sunday in the month. Charlotte will have a stall at the farmer's market this Sunday. Next steps are to get the local suppliers to inform Charlotte when they have food available rather than Charlotte finding the information herself.

Discount for shopping locally possibly?

Hopkinsons confirmed to Chris that their meat is sourced within a 5 mile radius, and all their pork is outdoor reared. However they don't advertise this sustainable sourcing, and perhaps they could be encouraged to do so? Alan will call in and speak to him about it tomorrow if possible.

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- 5.4 Comms** – Chris and Nick went to Lymm WI for presentation – from the discussion, people want to know what they should read to find out exactly what they should do, and who should they trust, given that there is a lot of conflicting information about these issues. There was a realisation that older people sometimes live a low consuming lifestyle anyway and there is a lot of interest in what more they can do.

There is to be a presentation to Parish Council on the 14<sup>th</sup> Feb to update them on LCL's activities and progress..

## **6. Local Energy Assessment Fund.**

See attached brief project outline about our new project on energy efficiency, for which we have received £47,000 government funding. Letters of support from several groups helped to achieve success.

We will be carrying out energy surveys on 250 home energy assessments, 20 businesses and 10 community buildings. We will be creating an 'energy map' of Lymm, showing the potential for energy efficiency opportunities in Lymm.

We will be looking at the full range of properties, older and new, in terms of mapping. However most of the surveys will be on the less energy efficient properties, which will show the best opportunities. In particular, the 1950's to 1990's properties offer some of the best opportunities so we will focus on these.

This is all about preparing Lymm for the launch of the Green Deal in autumn. What types of houses and measures are most likely to qualify for Green Deal in Lymm?

Unfortunately the project has to be completed by end March.

Funding is being spent primarily on energy surveys – Property Inspection will be doing these – they are a father and son business living and operating in Lymm who will be carrying out the surveys. Other funding is designated to Energy Projects Plus who are handling the admin and providing baseline data on homes, and for CB3 Design (Keven Lester, a LCL member) to carry out the mapping.

Walk round surveys- volunteers needed to help define properties in Lymm. Volunteers will need a briefing session to show them how to do this. Richard will send a note out to all volunteers to try and get dates for this session.

We need to make people aware that they might see local people walking round taking notes about their homes! Richard will be writing to all the community groups. Could also contact neighbourhood watch people to make them aware.

We need volunteers from householders to have surveys done. Following the survey these householders will have a follow up call from Property Inspection to talk through the recommendations and discuss what barriers are to taking up the ideas. Later in February, we may need to do leaflet drops at targeted areas to make sure we get enough of a spread of different properties.

Could send information out through primary schools, though email newsletters etc. possibly.

Target estate agents and those who are looking to sell their homes, as they will require EPCs anyway and would possibly be keen to have their property surveyed. People who already have an EPC might be prepared to send them in to add to the data that we have.

Ideas for small businesses to be surveyed – any type of small business is appropriate. Contact Richard directly for small businesses.

Are there any data protection issues? All data will come under EPP's data protection policies, LCL will not have data as such, it will be anonymised to ensure that there are no data protection issues.

Event to present the results is on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Need a sub-group to help organise this, Richard will send round a request.

7. Richard is taking on the project management of the LEAF project and as such he has decided to step down as chair. It was agreed that we owe a huge vote of thanks from all members to Richard for starting and leading LCL for the past three years.

Richard proposed Zoe Cohen as chair going forward, this was seconded by several members and carried unanimously. Welcome Zoe to the chair!

## 8. **Website, Facebook and Twitter**

Nick has been updating the sites, please have a look at them and give us your comments. The idea behind the new site is to be very visual and to be quickly and easily updated, to encourage people to revisit the site regularly. You can also sign up to 'follow' the site and receive an email when new information is posted.

Content from the old site where relevant has been moved onto the new site.

It would be ideal to have sub-group leaders with a login to update the information on their projects regularly. Sub-group leaders can either write and upload directly or write the content, save it as a draft and then Nick can upload it. Cath is happy to update this for the Trees group.

Could also invite guest bloggers, such as people whose homes have been surveyed etc.

Could we add some profiles of LCL members so that people know what the spread of people in the group is?.

Facebook and Twitter have also been updated, and the website is set out so that information updates will upload onto facebook and twitter automatically.

**We need volunteers** for people who will be prepared to contribute text and blog posts – it's really straightforward and Nick and Charlotte would be able to provide some basic training!

We need everyone to sign up to the website and to 'like' LCL on facebook. If you are on Twitter then please follow us too – this is very successful at the moment, with a number of followers re-tweeting posted information. Scheduled tweets are also a good way of building momentum for an upcoming event.

Thanks very much to Nick (and Charlotte) for doing all the work to update these sites.

Charlotte recommends members have a look at a video clip available on youtube about Low Carbon Villages – National Trust owned villages have focussed on low energy in conjunction with nPower.  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jW9XdKC2lQU>

### **Priorities for 2012**

It was decided to postpone this item until the next meeting – any feedback on the slides that Richard sent out, feel free to give feedback to Zoe or any steering group member.

### **9. AOB**

A proposed schedule of meetings for the year to come was presented. Forum meetings every two months, in the month in between there will be a steering group meeting. School holidays have been avoided. It was decided to stick with Monday dates for forum. These meetings will be listed on the website.

If anyone is interested in joining the steering group, new members are welcomed. **Also if anyone is interested in taking on the chair role of the steering group that would be very welcome.** Any volunteers to Zoe on the contact details below:

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Plan content of meetings, to be interesting and attractive to members and to others. Need to be aware that we only have two hours for the meetings and there isn't much time, we need to think about the amount we can fit in each meeting. Lots of ideas for future meetings were discussed, including visits, more activities and focussing on a specific theme for each meeting.

### **10. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March, Oughtlington Community Centre at 7.30pm.**