

# Meeting Notes: Malmesbury CAN! (Climate Action Network)

9<sup>th</sup> December 2019

## Present

Janet, Ade, Gavin, Fiona, Joy, Martin, Katie, Janinka, Sarah, Laura, Chris, Campbell, Brian, Mike, Ana, Chess and Fran

## Lottery Funding Opportunity

Laura, Sarah and Ade presented an opportunity for communities tackling climate change to apply for lottery funding for future projects, with our application focusing on food and waste and the natural environment through an art/music/theatre lens. 18<sup>th</sup> December is the deadline for the expression of interest.

**Action: Laura/Sarah/Ade to circulate their draft application to the group ASAP, for comments to be returned by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at the latest.**

**Action: Gavin to send out Town Council policy on sustainability for inclusion in the application, as well as further information about the community energy project.**

## Roles Update

A general update was presented and Table Hosts identified as an area where we are still looking for volunteers. Campbell confirmed Milly from Transition Marlborough would be happy to volunteer. Agreed that there would need to be some flexibility on the day in terms of positions.

**Action: Chris to confirm whether Chris and Christine from Transition Corsham would be happy to act.**

**Action: Janinka to reach out to her personal contacts to ask for volunteers (including Lisa Tweedie)**

Childcare was confirmed as something that would be popular, and Laura has already had people online asking about whether this would be provided. If funding was available, further suggestions were proposed of local childcare organisations we can approach, should Kings Day nursery not be available.

**Action: Gavin to contact Kings Day nursery urgently to understand availability of staff for 11<sup>th</sup> January, so we can confirm the number of children we'd be able to cater for. Should Kings Day not be available, contact K&S. If K&S are not available, Janinka is happy to contact Elf Sitters.**

**Action: Ana, Janinka, Ade and Janet to work on potential art projects for older children**

An idea was proposed that Young People should be given their own table at the event in order to not overwhelm them. It was decided that the point of Table Hosts was to encourage participation and input from all and this includes young people. Consequently, young people will be paired up two to a table.

## Funding

In order to secure good childcare arrangements, pay speaker costs and supplies for the day, it was suggested that the group make an application to the Area Board for funds. Asking for donations towards teas and coffees was also confirmed as being a good way to make back the money and will be adopted as such on the day. It was also decided that an application would be made to the Town Council for interim funds to promote and support the event.

**Action: Chess to discuss and pursue Area Board application with Penny Bell.**

**Action: Fran to draft proposal to the Town Council to ask for funds at the next meeting (£150)**

## Speakers to Invite

A general overview was presented of who has and hasn't been confirmed. Some groups such as Frome Library of Things and the Woodland Trust who aren't available are being noted as speakers for follow up

talks after the event (as well as Extinction Rebellion and Rob Hopkins, founder of Transition Town movement).

Confirmed so far: Nigel Westaway at Stroud Community Farm, Milly at Transition Marlborough Bee Highways, Nick Murray at Zero Chippenham, Chris and Christine Crook from Transition Corsham.

To be confirmed are:

**Action: Gavin to contact/confirm with Lesley Bennett at Wiltshire Wildlife Community Energy Project**

**Action: Campbell to confirm with Tom Lawton**

**Action: Chris to confirm/chase Westbury Community Fridge and investigate Edventure Frome**

**Action: Katie to investigate possibility of South Wales bug project.**

## **Groups to Invite**

The list was read out and contacts were allocation to extend invitation for the event.

**Action: Gavin to extend invitation to Elders, River Valley Trust, new contact at Gazette and Herald and Dan O Brian**

**Action: Campbell to extend invitation to Mayor and Francis Smith at Malmesbury WI**

**Action: Chess to circulate to Conservation Group, RAU, NFU, Town Team, Malmesbury Food Bank, local WI groups and upload to local paper event page online. Inquire about Malmesbury Connections.**

**Action: Martin to extend invitation to Bristol and Avon River Trust and ask for promotion in Sherston Newsletter**

**Action: Fran to extend invitation to Riverside Centre and upload to What's On In Wiltshire**

**Action: Joy to extend invitation through Sustainable Sherston**

**Action: Chris to extend invitation to UFC**

**Action: Laura to extend invitation to Jason Cook at Wotton Bassett Environmental Group, Ecotricity and Greening Tetbury as well as continuing to share on social media**

**Action: Janinka to chase Sam KW at the paper and clarify if he was going to write an article**

**Action: Sarah to contact BBC Wiltshire (parent at Lea School)**

## **AOB:**

Janinka will work on expanding the current flyer to add detail about confirmed speakers.

**Action: Janinka to aim to get this printed at A4 and A5 ASAP by company with 48hour turn over. Chess to happy to support if needed.**

Chris raised the idea of having a central website which could be made available for the day to include a database of key resources including how to set up a group, local venues that can be hired etc. Campbell noted that this functionality might already be available as part of the Explore Malmesbury project.

**Action: Campbell to confirm what infrastructure might be available and get back to Chris with costs etc.**

Brian asked for an update on what was happening with the food donation from Waitrose. Antoinette has not yet confirmed this but looking to confirm ASAP. Brian also highlighted the need to provide a variety of options (such as almond milk) on the day to cater for all needs.

**Action: Chess to contact local bakeries for food donations for the day**

Laura raised the idea of inviting Yellow Light Book Shop in Tetbury along to have a stall on the day. All agreed this was a good idea (they might also have a personal link with Rob Hopkins)

**Action: Laura to confirm with them**

## **Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7pm. Location TBC.