

Greener Tywyn Committee Meeting Minutes: 9am to 11am, Thursday 24th October 2019

In attendance: Joanna Houseman (minutes), Liz Hutchinson, Richard Garrett, Sara Waddington, Heather Broster, Chris Broster, Mat Gasquet.

Apologies: Heather Garrett.

1. Green Spaces

JH has contacted Incredible Edible network to sign up for their help and support with moving forward with the plan and application of growing spaces in Tywyn. Just awaiting the activation of the membership and then looking at what they offer in terms of guidance and help.

We discussed the need for insurance as soon as possible to cover volunteers when they attend gardening events. Fran P has a risk assessment we can copy. We debated the need for extra provision for children who are volunteering and will seek the guidance of Mantell Gwynedd on this (website templates).

We discussed the plan to take part in the Woodland Trust tree planting scheme (the Guardian) and we will apply to take part in the March 202 rollout. We need to find a suitable site in Tywyn that has public access, possibilities include a space near Pendre station and land next to skate park. Plan to discuss with Fran and propose to the council once decided.

MG – Purchase insurance and ask if children accompanied by their parents are covered without the extra safeguarding and DBS requirements.

JH – Speak to Fran re copying existing risk assessment and possible sites for tree planting.

JH – Look at Mantell Gwynedd guidance on child volunteers.

2. Mach Climate Fair 23rd November 10-3pm

We have agreed to hold a GTG stall at the Climate Fair in Mach. We agreed we have all the set-up we need once the new display boards are made. Whoever is able to attend on the day will do. We will include our list of 10 things and maybe expand on this a little on the day. If RG is up to it he will bring the energy game.

LH – To ask Keith to help with display boards.

ALL – To source plain sweatshirt for logo if possible.

3. EV charging point and Aber G car share.

Currently no further news on the Tywyn idea, not heard from the parties involved in the slate project.

The Aber G car share will be run by Co-Wheels and will have a slow charger. All can join network for £5 and then car hire is from £3 an hour. The launch event will be Sunday 10th November.

John S is an EV point installer and has approached us suggesting the OLEV grant could be an option. The Magic Lantern have the correct electricity supply for fast charge and possible site.

Zero Carbon World.org supply a charger that take four hours.

SW – To liaise with Magic Lantern and investigate OLEV grant possibilities.

HB – to look into Zero Carbon World option if the above isn't possible.

4. Presentations

We will continue to add to the list of ideas for speakers, but we agreed that to try and plan a monthly speaker is too much for now. There's the possibility the ML will begin regular Friday coffee mornings for groups and charities and GTG hope to take part in this and possibly have a speaker or information to share practical solutions.

One idea was a session to offer practical simple and cheap solutions around the home for energy saving/insulation etc. We should ask on FB group for ideas.

There is an organisation in Bristol called CHEESE that offer free training on surveying homes for insulation problems using thermal image cameras and this would be a great service to offer locally if we could get the training. The service is charged at £100 but offered for free to those in poor conditions or fuel poverty.

SW – To let us know progress on planning coffee mornings.

LH – To create a FB post asking for people's solutions/ideas.

RG – To approach CHEESE about possible training.

7. AOB

- HB proposed a fundraising scheme using the Bulb electricity deal of earning £50 from recommending people to sign up. We struggled to find a specific fundraising idea to aim for and hope people will go for the idea with the proposal the money will be used for GTG projects.

- We had a brief discussion about engaging the farming community and RG said Liz Saville Roberts has some possible contacts to approach for forthcoming film at ML, trying to get farmers in and engaging in ideas and conversations.

Next meeting Friday November 29th at 9am.