

Minutes of Meeting of the Tarvin Environment Group
Held in the Parish Rooms
13 May 2009

Present: J. Bradley, Bishop Alan Chesters, Andy Evans, Sarah Evans, Simon Harding, Lottie Hillier, Lynn Hillier, Mark Palmer, Stuart Pouder, Fiona Miles, Rob Miles, John Price, Maddy Sheppard, Jim Wigan, Hilary Banner.

Apologies: C Bowser

1. Matters Arising:

Next Meeting to consider:

- **Contact with School**
- **WI Presentation on 26 August**
- **Cheshire 20/50 Vision on Sustainability – how to become involved?**
- **Low Carbon Communities – is anyone prepared to volunteer to be TEG's representative and liaise on eco build, eco refurbishment, as well as alternative energy?**

2. University of Chester Survey:

There had been a low response rate, possibly because the resources behind the survey had been less than expected. The Presentation made by the Students at the University was shown. An individual report and action plan was to be made available for each household who participated. TEG would have to follow this up. The survey had identified a number of sustainable issues households were interested in pursuing. Is there a realistic possibility of taking this assessment into the licensed premises in Tarvin and gaining support? **A volunteer is needed if this is to happen.**

3. Potential Projects:

Integration of areas of public transport by coordinated bus/rail links with Chester Station and Mouldsworth – the C84 Bus Service could link to Chester Station

Working within framework of Chester 20/50 Vision.

The provision of Cycling Racks in the Village to encourage cycling and provide a convenient, safe location for parking

Project for renewable energy – this would involve a feasibility study of what any members of the Community will commit to, what is achievable and what funding is available: **if this is to happen, a volunteer is needed to establish the Project**

4. Broomheath Plantation:

Simon Harding gave a presentation on his journey to establish the 20 acre plantation at Broomheath where he had planted some 20,000 trees; this had already enabled community interaction with various Groups. The future plans to build an eco centre having overcome opposition from the

Planning Regulators, will create many possibilities for involving a wider community. The development of this project as “off grid” provided many possibilities for alternative utility sourcing.

Simon offered TEG the opportunity to participate in a Community Allotment Project at Broomheath Plantation.

This would be an agreement for a co operative allotment using Heritage seeds with a possibility of vegetable sales.

Action: Andy Evans & Lynn Hillier to discuss with Simon and bring a proposal to the next meeting.

5. Website:

More information needed to keep this dynamic – info on Cycling Chester as a demonstration Town?

6. Meetings schedule – monthly meetings to be held on the second Wednesday of each month in the Parish Rooms at 7.30p.m. subject to any change

7. Next Meeting: Wednesday, 10th June, Parish Rooms, 7.30pm