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Gamlingay Environmental Action Group

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, 14th April 2010

Present: Brycchan Carey, Sarah Sanders, Nick Hardiman, Mike Brettle, John Mercer, Steve Dickson, Alex Day

Apologies: Alice Hardiman

1. Planning

Agreed that GEAG's primary role is to provide environmental advice so South Cambs Council (SCC) should be approaching group to comment on planning applications for the village. Alex will send SCC Statement of Community Consultation and Brycchan will write a request to SCC.

2. Eco-hub

John represents GEAG on Gamlingay EcoHub Management Committee. He has commented extensively on the Ecohub Environmental Policy Statement which will be circulated around ExCo.

Concern that the Ecohub has become too politicised and that there has not been sufficient consultation. GEAG will continue to maintain independence and agreed our interest is only environmental.

3. Transport Group

Transport Survey to be circulated round ExCo and finalised at the next meeting. The purpose is to ascertain support for the proposed cycle path and improving public transport (bus services). It will be distributed over a couple of months (May – July) using a range of methods including: Internet; Gamlingay Gazette; Other groups such as the WI, GRA etc. and face to face interviews outside the Co-op.

Nick has commented on a bus survey and co-ordinated response with the Parish Council. We need to manage expectations with the Cycle Path – the first stage is to identify funding for a feasibility study.

4. Carbon Group

Brycchan still looking for someone to take on the Carbon Energy Monitors. Suggested that Gareth does this until he returns to college.

5. Carbon Conversations

5-6 people attended the first course which has gone well. Now deciding whether to run another.

6. PR

The Gamlingay Gazette is important for getting messages out across the village, advertising speakers etc. A long discussion on combining with the Carbon Tzar column. Agreed that we will approach Jackie for a GEAG page that Mike will Edit. Next month it is suggested the focus should be the transport survey.

7. Meetings

Speakers sorted until Christmas.

8. Socials

B-B-Q at John's place either 3rd or 4th of July.