

Sustainable Witney AGM

Congregational Church, 7pm Wednesday 16 February 2011

Present – Morag Crowther, Kate Griffin, Brigitte Hickman, Sally Lee, Mahalla Mason, J-P Stacey, Jonathan Strode

Apologies – Geoff Branner, Frances Buckel

- 1 Talk by Vince Brimble and Penny Shepherd of Sainsburys.
- 2 Questions.
- 3 Meeting Adjourned at 9pm

The Plough, 6:30pm Tuesday 1 March 2011

Present – Kate Griffin, Brigitte Hickman, Kevin Hickman, Sally Lee, J-P Stacey, Jonathan Strode

- 1 Meeting reconvened at 6:30pm
- 2 Treasurer's Report

Income: £270; £70 in donations, £200 grant from CAG Oxfordshire.

Expenditure: £24 room hire.

Balance: £246

Jonathan Strode, Treasurer.

- 3 Chair's Report

A little over a year ago Sustainable Witney was founded to explore and encourage more sustainable ways of living.

The group and its associates made a steady start: the Witney Bicycle User Group have worked closely with WODC to improve cycle parking and produce a cycle map; Witney Living Streets campaigned to reinstate the crossing in Welch Way; and Edible Gardens, a group of gardening enthusiasts, have shared tips and advice on growing food in any space available.

Communication with the citizens of Witney has been mostly through our website and facebook page with the occasional physical presence at events in the town, and fairly regular social evenings.

We have also looked outside of ourselves and become members of Oxfordshire Community Action Groups, the Low Carbon Community Network and the West Oxon Sustainable Transport Forum.

Looking forward, projects this year include a regular Swap Shop, a Witney Car Club, a series on Eco-Renovation, and an energy reduction project called Challenge Witney. That's in addition to the continuing work of the BUG, Living Streets and Edible Gardens.

This is really quite ambitious for what is a relatively small group and so our other main aim this year is to engage more people and encourage them to get involved in our projects. The more the merrier!

Kevin Hickman, Chair.

4 Election of Committee

Chair; Kevin Hickman, proposed BH, seconded JS, nem con

Treasurer; Jonathan Strode; proposed KH, seconded JPS, nem con

Secretary; Brigitte Hickman, proposed JS, seconded JPS, nem con

Ordinary Member; J-P Stacey, proposed KH, seconded JS, nem con

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Ordinary Member; Caroline Casey, proposed BH, seconded JPS, nem con

5 AOB

Projects for 2011 – Swap shop, Car club, Challenge Witney

Transport Forum going well – working on publication of printed sustainable transport map

Waste – Tours of May Gurney site and anaerobic digester coming up

Contact Witney Gazette about promoting SW

Climate Week – still no events visible – Swap Shop will be our event although it's 2 days before beginning of Climate Week. We will promote the swap shop at the Fair Trade Fair and 12th March on stall in town centre. Poster has been emailed to Green Party list and posters to be put up in town and surrounding villages. Poster has also gone to other local transition groups.

6 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 12th April

Meeting closed at 7.00pm.