

Minutes of the GEAG Action Meeting, 16 December 2009

Held in the Old Methodist Chapel, Gamlingay, 7pm – 8pm.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Present: Mike Brettle, Brycchan. Carey (Chair), Peter Condon, Alexandra Day, Steve Dixon, Alice Hardiman, Nick Hardiman, Gareth Leech, Joel Posner, Sarah Sanders, Bridget Smith

2. Appointment of minute-taker for this meeting

Alex Day kindly agreed to take minutes

3. Apologies

Apologies were received from John Mercer and Bridget Smith

4. Minutes of the October meeting and any matters arising

Minutes agreed

Action point: The group supported Brycchan to write a letter to Gamlingay Parish Council in support of the Ecohub. Letter has been written and the Parish Council have responded communicating their gratitude for the support of GEAG for the Ecohub.

5. Reports:

a) Co-ordinator (Brycchan Carey)

The mailing list continues to grow with just under 50 names. Although the same number may not attend meetings they are still active in responding to emails and/or raising issues for debate with GEAG and may show interest in future events

b) Carbon Working Party (Brycchan Carey)

Problem identified; the name of the working party. Carbon encompasses too broad a range of issues and projects. Suggestion of 'energy-saving working party' but will be discussed at subsequent GEAG meetings.

Primary concern is formation of a working party with active GEAG members to make progress with the Energy Monitor Loan Scheme project.

Mike Brettle has volunteered to attend thermal imaging training session organised through the Sustainable Parish Energy Partnership (SPEP) and organised by Cambridge Carbon Footprint on 6th January 2010.

c) Transport Working Party (Alice and Nick Hardiman)

To date the working party has met twice.

For the next 6 months their primary focus will be on the off-road cycle path project to link Gamlingay with Potton and Potton to Sandy.

The working group has been in contact with Andy Knight at Sustrans who is enthusiastic to work with GEAG to initiate a dialogue with all the local authorities and organisations involved with the creation of a cross-county cycle path.

The group agreed that carrying out a Transport Survey for the village would give a greater understanding of the needs of the residents as well as show quantifiable evidence of the need for improved transport links for Gamlingay.

6. Discussion items:

a. Ecohub latest

BC reported positive movements forwards. More details will be given at a future meeting

7. Monthly car share

Not discussed in detail. We will carry forwards the idea to future meetings.

8. Announcements

AD and AH announced the forthcoming Carbon Conversations course.

9. Any other business

None.

10. End of Meeting