

## TVEG Minutes 08/09/10

**Present:** Alfred, Sheila, Christine, Angie, Nina, Anne Mary, Penny,  
Guests from HES: Denise, Mandy

**Apologies:** Janet, Siggy, David

The meeting started by everyone introducing themselves. Denise is the new manager of HES, working under Adam (CEO) for Lightfoot Enterprises. Mandy is the local coordinator for Presteigne and Knighton and is going to be promoting the service, recruiting volunteers and clients. There is also a new energy officer working for HES called Matthew Tolly; he has replaced Dave Green.

### HES

There was a discussion about HES. Some people think that it is wrong to call the volunteers surveyors because they are not trained. It was suggested that assessor might be a better name for the role. Denise said she would pass that on to Adam.

Suggestions for promotion locally:

- Street by street - perhaps recruiting people to 'survey' their street or immediate neighbourhood.
- Ask groups and village parish councils to get a representative to become a volunteer 'surveyor'

Mandy is going to be working on these and other possibilities.

She can be reached at [amanda.brick@btinternet.com](mailto:amanda.brick@btinternet.com)

Denise can be reached at [denicej@h-e-s.org](mailto:denicej@h-e-s.org)

There was talk about how we could facilitate solar panels locally on public buildings and for low income households. Neil Warrington is hoping to get some on the Church Hall and could be approached with the possibility for the money made to go into a fund for low income households. The Offa's Dyke building is another possibility.

Penny asked whether local groups could access any of the The Big Green Challenge money to promote the service.

Adam is looking at woodland for fire wood and may be able to link up with our woodland allotment project.

Dave Thomlinson has done a lot of work on transport and could support us when we move forward with a transport strategy.

## **TIDY TOWNS**

The next litter pick is on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm. The area to focus on has yet to be decided. Maybe The Cwm Brook. Angie and Anne Mary to investigate. Sheila away so Angie and Anne Mary will organise.

Sheila is still liaising with Tidy Towns to clear the rubbish from up Garth Hill when the foliage has died back.

We now have a wheel barrow, spade, bow saw, loppers and secateurs to assist us with the picks which can be also used for the tree planting and the allotment. They will be kept at the allotment.

## **WOODLAND PROJECT**

Angie is still working on this and the next meeting is on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 Church Road. Report next meeting. If anyone can think of anyone who would like to be part of this group pass on the information and put them in touch with Angie.

## **ZERO MILES STALL**

Angie, Camilla and Anne Mary to organise this saturday. It is going well!! More producers have joined!

## **TRANSPORT**

It being late we decided to postpone the transport discussion till next meeting.

## **FOLK DOWN THE TRACK**

Sitwell Arms Bucknell Wed 15th Sept Folk Down the Tracks 7pm  
Castle Inn Knucklas Thurs 16th Sept 8pm Need all musicians and all those who want to come and sing along or just listen!!

## **AOB**

There is a green economic conference coming up in Llanidloes soon Camilla will let us know

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at Sheila's, Panteg, Conjuror's Drive at 7:30pm. AM will Chair and Sheila will take notes. Hopefully we will have a good transport discussion.

This is the second Wednesday in the month and this will be our regular slot. Venues to be confirmed.