



Sustainable Cottenham
Notes from the Meeting held at 19.30hrs on 21 September 2022
At 11 Margett Street, Cottenham



Present: Justin Hiscock, Rob Moorcroft, Jo Zanker, Jane Heath, Peter Pilbeam, Chris Ward, Sandra Cross, Vicky Lacey, Catherine Burch

Apologies: Claire Adamson, Beth Fleetwood, Sam Upham

		Action
1	Welcome/Opening comments: Chris Ward opened the meeting and introduced Jo Zanker and Rob Moorcroft	
2	The minutes of the last meeting: The minutes were approved.	
3	Financial Report: The report was considered, noting the return of Cottenham Connected funds to Cambs Community Council. Income from FEF was reduced – donations from activities will be needed to enable basic costs (insurance, website hosting) to be met.	Chris has corrected summary
4.	<p>Progress reports:</p> <p>Ecoeats: The family workshop was successful, but interest in the stand at FEF was patchy. This may be due to the siting, and to the numerous other activities available. The Recipe Book, launched at FEF, now selling from Les Ward and Community Café. If partners can be found Disco Soup, 'Ready Steady Cook'/Community Meal, and a second family workshop must be complete within this financial year, or grant funds be returned.</p> <p>Plastic Free Group: The group has not been active recently, and in the current climate of financial stress is probably not a high priority for many people. For the time being it was agreed to incorporate the plastic free initiative into main Committee. This would make it easier to prioritise amongst different possible resource-saving initiatives we might want to act on. There may be a chance to revive it when the effort for Ecoeats has finished.</p> <p>Cottenham Connected: With the two originators unable to continue, grant funds have been returned. There is a residue of property: chairs and tables owned by Suscot remain in the Village Hall for use, and some unmatched crockery could be loaned out.</p> <p>Nature Recovery: The group is active, currently aiming to clear some undergrowth from the old moat at Tenison Manor. There is a possibility of Rotary grant funding, but at present no project is in view. Vicky is looking into whether a Giki project can be costed. Chris can draft answers to the background questions. Cat Sunderland has asked for our help to end the use of glyphosate (used in the weed control Roundup to prevent weeds growing on and around pavements and road edges). South Cambs is already considering the matter.</p>	<p>Eco Eats sub-group</p> <p>Vicky Chris</p>
5	<p>Home Energy Drop In: Cottenham Community Centre has proposed this to highlight 'changes you can make to save energy'. They have asked us to help. It is provisionally booked for Sunday 6 November, from 11.00 to 15.00. Vicky, Rob and Jane will join with CCC as a working group. The aim is to provide a 'human library' of 1-2-1 advice and resource, with assistance from Transition Cambridge, South Cambs' Siobhan Mellon and residents who have already taken steps. Perhaps also Elliotts at Bar Hill, who fit air source heating equipment.</p> <p>Next steps: liaise with Community Centre to confirm the date, content and publicise, confirm with contributors.</p>	Jane, Vicky, Rob & Jo
6	<p>Litter Pick: Set for 2 – 5pm Saturday 19 November. Peter and Justin to put up posters. Vicky (sponge), Catherine (chocolate), Chris (orange & poppy seed) to provide cake for the pickers.</p> <p>Meanwhile, Justin and Marie-Claire will attempt to cut back some branches from the Histon Rd cycle path. Jo and/or Rob may be able to help, depending on timing.</p>	Vicky, Catherine, Chris
7	<p>Cottenham Community Market: Will take place on 2nd Oct and 4th Dec at the Village Hall from 9.30- 12.30. We have booked a table for 3 events (incl Sept 4th) at £15 each (to be paid for out of Eco eats promotion budget as they are an opportunity to sell more copies of the recipe book. Chris has already attended one, Peter offered to attend the Dec one on Sunday 4 December wearing his wildlife hat and bringing stuffed badger. Volunteers are still needed for 2nd October (at which we could promote the next CVC cookery course on 15th Oct and the Energy Saving event on 6th Nov). Jane will cover if need be but Peter will ask Mardi Sutton. Chris needs to pass on flag, info boards, recipe books and float to whoever is manning the Oct stand before she leaves on holiday 29th Sept.</p>	<p>Peter</p> <p>Peter/Jane</p> <p>Chris</p>

8	Repair Café: Uncertainty over insurance cover is inhibiting progress. Vicky has cancelled one date, but set the next event for Saturday 11 March. Decisions on the need for further insurance are awaited from the Community Centre Trustees. Cambridge Carbon Footprint insurers are also being consulted. (SusCott insurers were unable to cover without substantial increase in premium).	Vicky
9	Cottenham Newsletter: Timetable and future of Cottenham Newsletter unknown at present. Deadline for Fen Edge News 24 th October. We need to provide a more coordinated contribution than last time. Jane to circulate list of submission dates and all to suggest subjects to contribute.	Jane ALL
10	Any Other Business: Catherine and Vicky to liaise about visiting the next 'Swish' (clothes swap) event at Histon to assess it for a trial in Cottenham. We need a way of harnessing volunteers' interest to help us organise the many initiatives we could potentially get involved in, without enlarging the management committee. Ideas? We need to extend our social media activity to Instagram. Vicky has already set up a SusCott Instagram profile, and linked it to the Facebook page and has used Meta Business Suite to add a post about the cookery workshop to both FB and Insta. We're on there under @suscotttenham so the same as FB. However, she is reluctant to take on SusCott Insta posting as well – volunteers?	Vicky & Catherine ALL Well done Vicky!
11	Date of next meeting: 19.30 on Wednesday 18 January 2023 at 11 Margett Street.	ALL

Justin Hiscock Joint Secretary 22 September 2022