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GARWAY PARISH PLAN LOCAL ENVIRONMENT ACTION GROUP - MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on Thursday 21st April – 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Malcolm Howard;(chair) Bill McGinley; Austin Keenan; Hilary Keenan; Lynne Osborne; Mike Brewer; Daphne Brewer; Sarah Partridge; Rosemarie Watkins; Keith Jones; Margaret Oke; (mins)

Apologies: John and Janet Pullen; Lesley Whistance

Agenda item	Action /Discussion	By whom	Target Date
1.	<p>Review of Action Plan</p> <p>MH opened the meeting – Purpose of the meeting was to go through the Objectives/Actions/Responsibilities/Timescale as shown in the current Action Plan.</p>		
2.	<p>Concern about Climate Change – looking at reducing dependence on fossil fuels.</p> <p>ACTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • seminars on ways of reducing carbon footprint • form a Garway Transition Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Contact the Monmouth Transition Group and write to Rob Hopkins and the Transition Movement ○ Contact Elaine Brook of the Gaia Partnership in Herefordshire. ○ Maybe because we are a small village we should invite Orcop, Welsh Newton, Eywas Harold and/or other surrounding Parishes to join us and/or work with an existing group. ○ Arrange speakers to come to talk about Transition Groups. 	MH;	June 11
3	<p>Alternative Energy Systems – the various systems such as Solar, Photovoltaics, Wind Turbines, Ground Source Heat Pumps etc where mentioned and it was agreed that we should talk to providers/installers and to gather information about the systems and to make a presentation to the community at our next meeting. The presentation to include the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed information on each system with costs where possible • Invite a speaker from an Alternative Energy provider/installer. Dai Rees (Green Energy) has a lot of experience in this field talk to him and others about giving a talk to the community. • Invite people who currently use Photovoltaics/Solar to share their experience/knowledge • Put together leaflets/publicity to provide information and to promote the use of Alternative Energy System in the Parish. <p>It was suggested that we might consider installing Photovoltaics panels on the roof of the Village Hall. It was agreed that we should explore the feasibility and whether the Village Hall Trustees, as a Charity, would qualify for the “ feed in tariff” currently on offer. Need to discuss with the Village Hall trustees.</p> <p>Question was raised whether we could apply for a grant to install PV. Suggested that it could be part of the Energy Fund “Energy Share” We</p>	<p>MH</p> <p>MH/BMcG/ others</p> <p>BMcG</p> <p>MH</p> <p>MH</p>	<p>June 11</p> <p>June 11</p> <p>June 11</p> <p>April/May 11</p> <p>April/May 11</p>

	<p>have already applied for a grant for insulation for the Village Hall called "Garway Energy". People were asked to register at www.energyshare.com on the Garway Energy site, the more people who register the greater the chance of success. MH agreed to amend the application to include details and costs of PV's.</p>		
4	<p>Common Land – We need to think of ways to encourage the community to use the common land for leisure and sport.</p>	MH	June 11
5	<p>Dog Litter Bins – It was agreed to review this with the community and to suggest putting up notices asking people to take their Dog litter home</p>	MH	June 11
6	<p>Footpaths and Bridleways and Maps of Local Walks – It was agreed that MH would talk to Jeremy Harris (Footpaths Officer) about maps showing the footpaths in the area and to discuss the state of footpaths and the need to improve access and enjoyment of them by the public. It was suggested that we could produce a series of leaflets/maps showing walks and advertise the walks in the Parish Magazine, on the Garway Community website, on local notice boards, at the churches and in the Moon Pub.</p>	MH/LO	June 11
7	<p>Seating/Ponds/Picnic Areas on Common Land – It was agreed that we should consult with the community about what should be done and ways to carry these items forward.</p>	MH.	Ongoing
8	<p>Land for the Creation of Environmental Areas – It was agreed that we should discuss this with the Herefordshire Nature Trust (Community Commons Project Team) to find out what they suggest doing and to see examples of work carried out on other commons in the area. It was also agreed that it would be a good idea to involve the Garway School children in this work (Fauna and Flora, wildlife surveys etc).</p> <p>Note: It was also agreed that we should discuss this with The Lord of the Manor (not Sir Peter de la Billiere but his nephew James Labilliere)</p>	MH/ Nick Oke	June 11
9	<p>Toposcope on the top of Garway Hill – It was agreed to ask Lesley Whistance to lead this project and to contact the Garway Hill Commoners and the MOD before proceeding with any detailed plans.</p>	MH/LW	June 11
10	<p>Minutes to be circulated to each member of committee</p>		
Date of Next Meeting	<p>Next meeting in 2 months set a date in June.</p>		