

FEP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Zoom 4pm 16th March 2021

Attendees: RobF, RobH, Robin, Charmian, Philip, Fliss, Lorely (notes).

Speakers attending: Neil Kitching, Colin Hastings.

Bold = current action needed.

Opening: Charmian/Chair introducing agenda and speakers.

Speaker: Neil Kitching presentation on Carbon Choices – (the common sense solutions to our climate and nature crises). Neil has already sent FEP a complementary e-book copy.

Speaker: Colin Hastings presentation on Carbon Buddy Manual.

RobF to promote both the books on the Transition and FEP etc websites .

FEP AGM started at 5pm:

Chairs report: **Charmian** gave short summary of past 3 years:

- * Dracaena project – 30 kwatt solar array on Dracaena roof has been very challenging (nightmare).
- * On behalf of FEP Charmian undertook School for Social Entrepreneurs project focussed on 'trading up' and has £6.5k to use to set up next project.
- * Thanks to Charmian for all her work and commitment.

Treasurer: **Robin** short summary of current position: Formal accounts are available (contact Robin for copies).

- * Dracaena income stream finally performing as predicted. Damage and disruption seem to be quiet at the moment. Some contingency needed for maintenance and possible problems. Revenue coming from Dracaena and export, (due to Covid Dracaena not buying as much energy as expected). Approx £1k income annually for 2019 and 2020.
- * Dracaena loan £5k has been repaid, now regular settlement of £160 per month for the next 20 years.
- * Loan agreement still awaiting to be finalized.
- * HMRC paperwork up to date, 2019/20 has been submitted. FCA registered but seems to be 'off the radar' at the moment.
- * Caroline did work which has resulted in ongoing 2 x £50 annually. **Lorely to send thanks to Caroline.**
- * £14.5k in Bank account of which £6.5k is for SSE (as above). Some bills still need paying. Advice needed to manage account to avoid paying corporation tax etc.
- * Charmian has sorted new accountant to commence new financial year.
- * Thanks to Robin for work and commitment.

RobF: ongoing IT, website and mailing list.

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Membership Sec: **Lorely**. Welcome to Fliss our 60th member.

- * Membership drive needed.

Trustees still: Charmian, Robin and RobH.

Positions:

Charmian: Chair

Robin: Treasurer.

(Secretary role still available!)

Lorely: membership sec.

Project Proposals:

- 1: £1k for local residents survey, data collation and ideas for future projects and direction for FEP.
- 2: £5k project assessing local grid constraints for land arrays and preparation for application to Rural Community Energy Fund application.
- 3: £500 Thermal Camera
- 4: £400 Virtual Green Homes.

Discussions

- 1: Distribution can be via local town and parish councils. Outputs = new projects suggested, new membership and community engagement 'credit'.

RobH to produce a questionnaire. **Lorely** to support.

2: **Charmian** has costed the project and expertise available. Money needed for grid study, landowner, Jake and Charmian.

3: Thermal Camera. Bristol has a project that may be duplicated. **Robin to obtain more details**. Project suitable for Autumn.

4: Virtual Green Homes. **Charmian to contact Richard Cochrane** for advice on who to approach in Renewable energy and creative and video departments and the timeframe for submitting brief for student action over summer and autumn.

Voting:

1 and 2 to be undertaken asap: Proposed: RobH. Seconded: Lorely. Six agree. One abstention.

3 and 4 to be explored and undertaken later in year. All agreed..

Community Network Forum Climate group: Charmian and Lorely to produce material for Robin to present about FEP (and the 4 proposed Projects) at the next CNF Climate group meeting.

Robin to purchase box of Carbon Buddy manuals. (Email from Colin offering free if we collect)

Lorely to produce a press release about the AGM and summaries of the books. (Short summaries coming from the writers).

RobF and Charmian to use Carbon Buddy Manual for topical tips. Lorely to ask permission of Colin.

Finances: next meeting to discuss placement/investment of available funds.

Meeting finished at 6:00

Thanks to an excellent team.

Next zoom meeting:

* 5:30pm 6th April (regular 3weekly zoom)