

**Harrow Agenda 21 Environmental Forum
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
Committee Room 5, Civic Centre, Harrow
18 March 2009 7.00 pm**

Present:

| Name | Ref | Role | Present |
|-------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Sarah Kersey | SK | Chair and Consumer Group Chair | Apols |
| Pam Gershon | PG | Treasurer | Yes |
| Linda Robinson | LR | Secretary | Yes |
| Caroline Williams | CW | Deputy Chair and Planning Group Chair | Yes |
| Marilyn Raymond | MR | Education Group Chair | Yes |
| Mick Oliver | MO | Waste Management & Recycling Group Chair | Yes |
| Don Liversedge | DL | Harrow Humanist Society | Yes |
| Mick Campbell | MC | South Harrow & Roxeth Residents Association | Yes |
| Sarah Fahy | SF | Earth Project | Apols |
| Mary John | MJ | Harrow Association of Voluntary Service | No |
| Madan Badale | MB | Harrow Council for Racial Equality | Yes |
| Vina Mithani | VM | LBH Councillor, Kenton West Ward | Apols |
| Marilyn Ashton | MA | LBH Councillor, Stanmore Park Ward | Yes |
| Phil O'Dell | POD | LBH Councillor, Wealdstone Ward | Yes |
| Yogesh Teli | YT | LBH Councillor, Kenton West Ward | Yes |

1. Welcome and Apologies

- 1.1 Deputy Chair CW opened the meeting in the absence of SK, who had sent apologies. Apologies for absence had also been received from SF and VM. Reserve councillor Joyce Nickolay (JN) had also sent apologies.

2. Agenda Review

- 2.1 CW checked that everyone was happy with the agenda's items and order.

3. Chair's Report

- 3.1 All had received and read the written report from SK (attached).

4. Treasurer's Report

- 4.1 PG reported a balance of £5174.50 in the bank, plus the previously undebited £200 which was due to be written back into the accounts once they were audited after 31 March. A £40 invoice from Harrow Association of Voluntary Service related to the cost of room hire for the Winter Social on 11 January and for a Waste Group meeting on 28 January.

- 4.2 POD and MA confirmed that the Grants Panel had decided on grant allocations for the coming year. No notification had yet been received.
- 4.3 PG was expecting an organisational membership application from Howard Bluston on behalf of the Labour Party's Harrow East Constituency Group, together with a £20 donation. It was not clear if an online application had been submitted as no one but SK was able to access such messages via the website.
- 4.4 MA raised an objection to accepting donations from a political party, but not to its membership. LR read from the constitution that membership should be open to all organisations with an interest in the borough that would further the aims and objectives of HA21. DL believed that all political parties should share HA21's aims and that donations from any lawful organisations should be equally welcomed. PG and LR saw no reason not to accept such token donations and MB argued that, in the absence of a membership fee, contributions to cover stationery and other administrative expenses should not be discouraged.
- 4.5 Whilst allowing that the intention was honourable, CW had reservations and pointed out that there was no great need for the donation whilst funds were high. MO preferred HA21 to remain politically neutral and avoid unnecessary contention. YT cautioned against the gesture being misconstrued as potential political bias on the part of HA21. PG reasoned that £20 would buy little influence. MA intended to query the legality of political donations with the council's Legal Department. DL advised CW that the issue should be put to the vote.

Proposal: That it is inappropriate to accept donations from political parties.

Votes- For: 6 Against: 2 Abstentions: 2

The proposal was carried and so no donation would be accepted from Labour's Harrow East Constituency Group. PG would nevertheless convey appreciation for the offer.

5. Secretary's Report

- 5.1 LR had signed up to the Earth Charter on behalf of HA21. MO had been in touch with Jeffrey Newman at Earth Charter UK and received hard copies of the Charter which were distributed to all and would be sent with the minutes to those not present. Mr. Newman had agreed to speak at the HA21 Annual General Meeting on 22 July.
- 5.2 Regarding publicity, SK and LR had produced two press releases with input from MO, in line with the Communications and Media Policy. One had focused on potential Waste Group recycling visits to community groups and events, with a photograph from last year's Under One Sky bin game. The other publicised HA21's endorsement of the Earth Charter. Both had been submitted in separate weeks to the Harrow Times, by email and by post. There had been no response or result on either occasion. MA offered to use her personal contact with the editor of the Harrow Times to stress the importance of HA21's work.

**Action Points: LR to email press releases to MA, as submitted to the Harrow Times.
MA to use influence with the Harrow Times to encourage publication.**

- 5.3 POD had approached the council's Communications Unit to seek space for an article in the Harrow People magazine. In response, Angela Hart had emailed a list of advertising rates, for example £500 for a quarter page, which was considered excessive. Angela had expressed interest in featuring an article and asked for more information on HA21. LR had replied by email with all supporting news, documents and website links. No further contact had been forthcoming. MA intended to follow this up via Cllr. Paul Osborn, Portfolio Holder for Communication.

Action Point: MA to speak to Cllr. Paul Osborn about featuring HA21 in the Harrow People magazine.

- 5.4 On 06 March, at her home address, LR had received a letter dated 13 February from Lysandra Dwyer of the council's Legal and Governance Services Department, indicating that if no response was received by 02 March it would be assumed that HA21 no longer required councillor representatives on the Executive Committee. The missed deadline was due to the correspondence being sent with lengthy delays via HA21's old Civic Centre address of PO Box 37. Despite the correct Community Premises address having been provided on all forms submitted to the department and entered correctly in its system, a different list was used to send out the letters. Lysandra had since given telephone and email assurances that the matter would be rectified, as having councillors on the Executive Committee is HA21's constitutional requirement. LR deplored the council's lack of a cohesive and up to date database of organisations.
- 5.5 LR had received an invitation for HA21 to join the Low Carbon Communities Network, which was free for 12 months if applying before the end of April. LR read out from the list of membership benefits on the application form (attached).

Agreed: To join the Low Carbon Communities Network.

6. Action Plan Review / New Direction

- 6.1 Following on from the previous discussions, MO, MC and POD had met to take forward the review, the draft results of which had been circulated (as attached). The feeling had been that the original plan had been too ambitious and unable to sustain some of the actions or hold third parties to account for the targets. For example, POD explained how the Park and Ride facility had folded when the Town Centre Forum ceased to meet, although up to 100 council vehicles that stood idle at weekends could still be made available for such a scheme. MB, who was HA21's Secretary at the time the Action Plan was created, conceded that there had been failings in the document due to its wide remit with so many aspects to incorporate.

- 6.2 POD and MO sought guidance on how to proceed from the results of the review. Rather than chasing up on all the original targets, it was agreed to prioritise only what was still relevant for a “forward plan” and to add new developments where things have changed. MO suggested highlighting the original targets in three different colours according to whether they had failed, still needed action or had been achieved and should be celebrated and publicised. MA wished for more input from council officers and it was noted that SK was still awaiting a response on this from John Edwards, Director of Environment Services.

Action Point: MO to arrange with MB, DL, MC and POD to choose priorities and report back with recommendations on what to take forward.

7. London 21 – Community Maps

- 7.1 MO had noted that London 21 Sustainability Forum’s Green Map at <http://greenmap.london21.org> showed only patchy entries for Harrow, such as the Harrow & Wembley Outdoor Group, Harrow in Leaf, Harrow Nature Conservation Forum, HA21, the Disabilities Forum and the Patients Association. LR pointed out that this was only one of the mapping facilities hosted by London 21. Its Community Map at <http://communitymaps.london21.org> was for highlighting features including conservation areas and recycling facilities. London 21 did not have the resources to input all information into the maps and were seeking local organisations to take responsibility for keeping each borough’s details updated. LR suggested that HA21’s organisational members’ details could be added. It was not felt that HA21 would be able to take on such a big task. MO and CW would try to attend the London 21 AGM and see if the issue might be revisited in the future.

8. Action Group Reports

Waste Management and Recycling

- 8.1 MO drew attention to items in his report (attached). It was of concern that the Campaign for Real Recycling had taken a sceptical stand on the value of co-mingled collections like Harrow’s. The group’s filming project was still under development. The minutes from its last meeting had not yet been received from SK who took them.
- 8.2 MR referred to a scheme in Barnet, where skips were sent for one week three times a year to specific areas for householders to dispose of large items not taken by refuse collectors, and people could help themselves to goods discarded into the skip by others. CW had heard of similar schemes in other boroughs.

Action Point: MR to forward details of Barnet’s skip scheme to MO, to be pursued as a possibility for Harrow.

- 8.3 DL asked about the disposal of unwanted metal saucepans. MO confirmed they should be taken to the council’s dump, where metals were separated according to type, such as aluminium and copper.

Consumer

- 8.4 Further to SK's report (attached), it was pointed out by POD that the council's Fair Trade Steering Group had now been re-established, with the Council Leader, David Ashton, as its chair.

Education

- 8.5 In addition to summarising her report (attached), MR explained that white A4 waste paper was being collected at the Community Premises by the HA21 administrator on behalf of St. Teresa's First and Middle Schools. Through Paper Trail, boxes were then exchanged for boxes of new paper for HA21.
- 8.6 MR had received training from LR to manage the group's page on the website, but had not yet found time to upload the latest schools' newsletter.
- 8.7 A "Teachers for Travellers" project had acquired allotments and was looking for money for tools. MR had suggested they enter for the group's Anne Swain award, for which no other entries had yet been received. PG enquired what had become of HA21's own allotment tools.

Action Point: CW to find out from SK the whereabouts of the tools for HA21's former allotment.

- 8.8 MR was awaiting specific costings for schools' lunch and afternoon clubs in order to use HA21 funding for the project. PG confirmed that the spending plans need not necessarily be finalised before the end of the financial year.

Planning

- 8.9 As Acting Chair, CW had chased prospective new Chair, Mark Brown, by email giving more detail about her reasons for standing down, of which he had been unaware. He had expressed a renewed willingness to take over and CW understood that he had tried without success to reach SK to arrange the official handover meeting, which CW would now ensure took place. CW had invited Mark to attend the Executive Committee. He had not been at the last Greener Harrow meeting, which CW had attended. She had input to council strategies on behalf of HA21.

Action Point: CW to invite Mark Brown to a meeting with herself and the rest of the group to discuss its future.

9. Minutes of the Last Executive Committee Meeting of 21 January

Accuracy

- 9.1 The minutes were proposed as a true record by POD and seconded by MO.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Matters Arising (if not covered above)

9.2 There were none.

10. Any Other Business

10.1 There was none.

11. The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 20th May 2009 in Committee Room 5

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Chair's Report
18th March 2009**

Progress since last EC meeting

- Worked with LR to produce press release.
- Contacted St Dominic's regarding redesigning HA21 publicity; students are willing to do this in their free time. A brief needs to be created for them to work on.
- Contacted Harrow Community Radio regarding other local radio stations. The only other is Northwick Park Hospital radio.

Work to be done before the next EC meeting

- Organise the election of new Planning Group Chair.
- Developing induction and training process for new volunteers.
- Follow up John Edwards regarding EC officer attendance.

Issues

Membership Application



| | | | |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------|-------|
| TITLE | MRS | NAME | LINDA |
| SURNAME | ROBINSON | | |
| EMAIL | secretary@harrowagenda21.org | | |
| ORGANISATION | HARROW AGENDA 21 ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM | | |
| WEBSITE | www.harrowagenda21.org | | |
| ADDRESS | Community Premises, 27 Northolt Road South Harrow, | | |
| COUNTY | Middlesex | | |
| POSTCODE | HA2 0LH | | |
| TELEPHONE | 020 8933 0188 | | |

Membership Rates

The rates for membership are on a sliding scale based on the size of your organisation. Please indicate your expenditure in the current year, or for the most recent year for which you have records. Please make your cheque payable to **Low Carbon Communities Network**

| | Membership Fee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Under £25,000 | £10 | |
| Over £25,000 and under £100,000 | £25 | |
| Over £100,00 and under £250,000 | £45 | |
| Over £250,000 and under £500,00 | £100 | |
| Over £500,000 | £175 | |

Type of Membership

- Full Member** (community or voluntary organisation)
- Associate Member** (public sector/ private sector/ academic institution or individual)

Type of Organisation

- Local Voluntary/Community Organisation
- Local Authority /Local Public Sector
- Government Body/Other Public Sector
- National/Regional voluntary Organisation
- Academic Institution
- Private Sector Organisation
- Individual

- I agree to my details being stored by the LCCN and I understand that my contact details will not be shared with 3rd parties unless I give my consent
- I have read the Aims and Values of the Low Carbon Communities Network and would like to apply for 12 months membership
- I agree to my organisation's website being included in the LCCN searchable database
- I am applying before 30th April 2009 and claim my free 12 months membership

Signed ... Linda Robinson

Date 18 March 2009

Membership of the LCCN is at the discretion of the management committee.

Membership Information

In 2009 the LCCN will be launching our new membership scheme. We welcome all individuals and organisations who share our aims and values to join us.

Why Join the LCCN:

- Become part of a growing movement
- Get the information you need to develop your own local projects
- Influence local and national policy makers
- Access networking opportunities
- Shape the future of the network
- Raise awareness of your organisation with a free listing on our website and other opportunities for profile raising
- Improve your practice and effectiveness – we believe in sharing examples of good practice and signposting members to training and funding opportunities

Benefits of Membership:

- A voice and influence – the opportunity to contribute to regional and national policy consultations and thereby influence government decision making
- The opportunity to participate in the running of the LCCN and contribute to our strategic development
- Access to representation and support on funding, lobbying and campaigning
- Networking – opportunities to share experience and ideas
- Access to other networks through the LCCN's strategic partnerships
- Access to our newsletter which provides updates on policy issues, member news, events and funding opportunities
- Network with other members through an event, or find out who is doing similar work through a member search on our website or by calling our office
- Promote your resources and share ideas.
- Information on training and resources to develop your community project

Your Contribution:

Membership of the LCCN isn't just about benefits. Input from members is a priority in our strategic development. As a member you will be encouraged to:

- Share your experiences and expertise with other members
- Welcome enquiries and visits from interested parties
- Attend the annual members conference
- Support regional networking and value the work of other members
- Provide information to the LCCN about your organisation and your work
- Support the LCCN and its values
- Use the LCCN logo on your website and other promotional materials where appropriate
- Share your views by writing a "Thinking Piece" for our website or responding to consultations or calls for case studies
- Contribute to surveys, consultations, research and policy information

Your contribution will help to ensure that the LCCN speaks with an ever stronger voice for the communities it represents, to policy makers and the public. For more information please visit www.lowcarboncommunities.net

To join the Low Carbon Communities Network, please complete the form overleaf and return via email to membership@lowcarboncommunities.net

Or by post:

Low Carbon Communities Network
1st Floor, Ashton Hayes Post Office
Kelsall Road
Ashton Hayes
Cheshire
CH3 8BH

If you are applying after 30th April 2009, please enclose a cheque made payable to Low Carbon Communities Network for the amount requested overleaf.

Review of HA21 Environmental Forum 1997 Strategy

Transport & Air Quality

1. *Volume of traffic to be reduced*

- Road traffic reduction bill – enacted
- Could be extended by Climate Change Bill
- Car pooling – no high occupancy lanes in Harrow
- Insurance – reasonable reward now possible
- Large employers' commuter plans – nothing from employers – don't know if NHS/PCT aware - but West London website for shared journeys exists
- Large employers to encourage other forms of transport – Fuad Omar at Civic Centre for Harrow – other employers nowhere
- Park & Ride – from Civic Centre at Xmas – minibus fleet available for Saturday shopping throughout year – no chance for commuting

2. *Road traffic pollution/vehicle reduction*

- Emission standards – changes in requirements, cars better equipped
- National Air Quality strategy – Harrow has air quality plan – being updated to include Phase 4 statement – Greener Harrow to monitor? – Mayor's low emission zone
- Phase out old vehicles, improve engine efficiency – achieved by law changes above
- Alternative fuels – TAP group survey & info on alt fuels – TfL active on buses – tax changes & congestion charge for electric vehicles – dual fuel vehicles in Waste fleet – West London freight plan

3. *Public transport to be improved*

- Integration – surveys? – TfL?
- Changes to services – new bus routes in Harrow – H9 H10 H18 H19 circular routes – H12 around Harrow – give access to various underground lines
- Oyster makes changes of mode more convenient, and being extended to surface rail
- Parking at bus stops – large programme of bus lanes and restrictions on parking
- Devnt & planning – possible to use Sect 106 planning gain for public transport improvements, eg at H on H stn
- Accessibility – H & W and Pinner now with lifts – H on H intended but Metronet
- Security – increased staffing at H & W after Overground took over - improved lighting being phased in – improved after bombings
- Lighting – improved as part of stn improvements

- CCTV – extended use at stns, on buses, and between Bus stn & Civic Centre
- Policing – some improvement by BTP on trains – Mayor to introduce PCSOs on buses
- Reduce demand for peak hour travel - ?
- Quality of carriages & stations – improvements happening
- Bus info at stops – some countdown indicators introduced
- Service reliability monitoring – service providers invited to HPTUA and give reports there – ie they generate and provide the data – but what other scrutiny?

4. *Improvements to walking & cycling*

- School travel plans encourage walking & cycling – plans are being generated – are they sticking? ? for Education Group
- Cycling training at schools – but available for all, not just schools – how available? Extent of use?
- LCN blue signs for cycling routes – being done, but publicity to alert potential users? Needs promotion
- Quality of pavements being improved – some way to go
- Phasing of lights for pedestrians improving
- Pedestrian Association audits of footpaths appear to have lapsed – now “Living Streets”?
- Petts Hill bridge rebuilding has improved access to Northolt Pk stn
- NHS walks promote idea of walking –directed to health benefits rather than transport needs
- Cycle racks changed recently at Civic Centre – was it an improvement?
- Fuad Omar initiatives at Civic Centre
- Identified need for tube lines (ie the lines which serve the tube lines below the surface) to have good facilities for storing cycles – as they cannot be taken on the trains
- Speed limits for motor traffic – cameras in use, “too fast” lights

5. *Persuade people out of their cars*

- Increase awareness of disadvantages of car – marginal improvement? But difficult task. Bus lanes, difficulty in parking help make the case?
- Make alternatives attractive and publicise – improvements are being made but publicity is missing – eg recent improvements in route management of 140 bus route but no publicity given. Improvements to 182 & 258 to come – will need publicity
- Alter taxation – car tax and congestion charge to deter large engines
- Internet shopping – happening for groceries and for Amazon and other net purchases
- Schools & colleges – school travel plans

- Reduce need to travel – UDP use planning to encourage facilities to be accessible to public transport
- Challenge inappropriate advertising – considered unrealistic – no chance.

Waste management

1. Reduce waste produced in borough by following 4 Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Recycle)

- To “reduce” is outside HA21 or Harrow’s control – can identify Packaging Directive and producer responsibility under WEEE. **This is a big gap!**
- “Reuse” – could be charity shops or Ebay
- “Repair” is often difficult as the producers often do not design for repair. **Another big gap!**
- Harrow & West Waste have Euro obligations on domestic waste, but no comparable requirements for commercial waste. **Another big gap!**
- Construction site waste plans have been required since April 2008.
- Extension of waste collections to private flats & commercial premises appears to be on hold
- Wormeries & home composting – big effort in late 1990s – appears to have stopped – reached saturation?
- Publicity – to business – need contact with Harrow in Business: - to schools – Education Group can do some of this, but Harrow has no Waste post equivalent to Saeed Atlas on energy
- Liaise with West Waste – Harrow is part of it! Strategy for 2025 is at public comment stage
- Commercial collection of used cooking oil now taking place. Service appears to be reliable and to meet a need. Role model for other collections?

Energy

1. Depletion of non-renewable energy sources

2. Emissions of CO2

3. Poor comfort caused by poor thermal insulation

taken together as they are related

- Decent homes standard, SAP rating, Green Homes Concierge Service (and Harrow’s offer to fund some applications), loft insulation, House Proud are all initiatives to improve homes’ performance
- HIPs will be required for houses on the market from April 2009
- Businesses – no action from Harrow in Business
- HA21 energy and business groups inactive

- Council premises – Harrow use SMART meters and are in contact with the Energy Saving Trust – but they don't seem to be publicising their achievements!
- Renewable energy – grants for domestic solar power – wind power appears to have no potential for Harrow. Geothermal, CHP and biomass considered for recent developments

Nature conservation & the built environment

Nature best covered by Nature Conservation Forum (part of Harrow Heritage Trust)

1. *Loss of open space*
2. *Open spaces not used to best advantage*
 - Have 3 Green Flag open spaces and Biodiversity Action Plan
 - Query position of lower profile open spaces
3. *Economic use of water*
protect existing resources
review of waterways
 - 2008 Harrow set up challenge panel to water cos on leaks
 - technology for rainwater harvesting and use of grey water much improved
 - water cos promoting use of meters
 - Kenton Brook improved – risk of flooding reduced
 - HA21 topic group on waterways does not exist
4. *Pressure to develop*
 - Brownfield sites – definition considered unsatisfactory
 - Mixed-use development – not happening
 - Allotment policy – change in policy and successful – high take-up on many sites. But are there some sites without mandatory protection and at risk of development? Needs watching – Greener Harrow?
 - Much development now as flats, sited near public transport links.
 - Building Regs and Code for Sustainable Homes leading to improvements in performance of buildings (greener/ more efficient).
5. *Lack of prosperity/activity in local centres*
 - Has continued, more widespread
 - possible cause – out of centre shed developments
 - Wealdstone bypass built, one-way road traffic for cars reintroduced late 2008
6. *Developers prefer greenfield sites*
 - Greenfield sites given protection in revised HUDP
 - Still subject for concern
7. *Lack of knowledge of natural environment*
 - Bio-Diversity Action plan

8. *Footpaths*

- see also **transport**
- role for Harrow Heritage Trust
- Capital Ring and London Loop pass through borough – waymarking of London Loop is patchy
- Neglect of trees, verges, hedges – Harrow have tree policy – discussed at Greener Harrow – hedges are householders' responsibility – change of tenure can be a problem. Verges?
- Allotments covered earlier
- Lack of community involvement – now have a register of residents associations which should improve communication – considered easier to get involvement from a group than from individuals

Social economic & leisure

Preface recognises roles of Community Safety Strategy Group etc and endorses them

1 Community safety

Police consultative panels in every ward, Safer Neighbourhood teams.

2 Health

Role of NHS/PCT

3 Equality

No environmental impact identified – covered in Sustainable Community Strategy

4 Economic development

Either duplicated elsewhere in doc or of no environmental impact

5 Accessibility

Disability Discrimination Act has influenced this. Role for Access Harrow – info can be communicated in Harrow People.

6 Local democracy

Role for Harrow Strategic Partnership, Greener Harrow, HAVS

7 Culture/arts

Role for HAVS, Harrow Heritage Trust.

Business Group

There is no HA21 Business Group:

Energy-related guidance available from Energy Saving Trust

Waste – Euro Directives appear to address household waste – need a Euro Directive on commercial waste to drive interest and activity.

MSO 10.3.09

**Harrow Agenda 21 Executive Committee Meeting
Waste Management & Recycling Group Report
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Progress since last EC meeting

- West London Waste Plan issued for comment (until 3.4.09).
- Separation of plastics for recycling – conclude that PET and HDPE bottles can be separated – other plastics and other shapes are not – unclear whether these are incinerated or exported (for sorting?) – neither option considered satisfactory – situation is far from the “maximum value” described in Harrow and other Waste plans.
- Article prepared for In Contact on Royal Mail rubber band waste/litter.
- Time capsule project – article for Education Group published in their Spring Newsletter during Feb.
- Visit to Greenstar’s MRF intended – discussed at Greener Harrow’s meeting in Jan.
- Visited EcoBuild – some activity on recycling aggregates – Day of Brentford happy for HA21 to visit – Ethos recycling in Uxbridge look interesting.

Work to be done before the next EC meeting

- Members of Group with interests in energy aspire to join in work of Planning Group.
- Visit to Frog Island to be arranged (retained from last report) and visit to Greenstar expected.
- Development of projects – MRF operators not prepared to allow access for Group to film “What happens to Waste” – but possible filming for Time Capsule project being investigated (retained from last report).
- Group to make comments on WLWP and on the Public Comment stage of Harrow Waste Strategy, and to attend Greener Harrow March meetings on the latter.

Issues

- Waste Group has no permanent secretary – suggestions?
- Batteries – draft regulations aim for shops etc. to take back used batteries – Group to investigate what is happening already.

MSO 11.3.09

**Harrow Agenda 21 Executive Committee Meeting
Consumer Action Group
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Progress since last EC meeting

- Group meeting took place in March with the members of the Harrow Oxfam Campaign group – agreed campaigns to work on for 2009.
- Fair Trade Fortnight activities – unable to hold tea party in St Ann's. Joined the Harrow Oxfam Campaign group at Coop Kingsbury for Fair Trade Banana giveaway

Work to be done before the next EC meeting

- Create publicity of Consumer Group meetings locally
- Update the HA21 website Consumer Group pages

Issues

**Harrow Agenda 21 Executive Committee Meeting
Education Group
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Progress since last EC meeting

- Spring edition of the Education Newsletter went out in January, plus in Feb a flyer for the March meeting.
- Next Meeting - Thursday 19th March: 4pm a guided walk over Bentley Priory Open Space, the Site of Scientific Interest, a valuable Harrow site for staff & pupils; with Peter Peretti, the Priory warden acting as guide. I have walked the route with him so that emphasis will be on using the site for teaching environmental issues.

If wet the meeting will be held at St Teresa's F&M School, Long Elmes

- Summer Meeting - **Thursday 25th June**, where following requests, Three Valleys Environment Centre and Waterworks will host a follow up to our previous summer trip.
- A new NAEE booklet, for schools who wish to become more sustainable, has been produced. It includes Harrow Agenda 21 teacher workshops and a few Harrow schools feature. They have funding to enable Harrow Schools & HA21 to receive free copies of the booklet; these will be sent out on receipt of them from the printer.
- Attended 'Under One Sky' Meeting

Work to be done before the next EC meeting

- Liaise with Rupal so that Summer Edition of Newsletter out, during May

Issues

As Before

- Clarify future costs to schools of recycling and bin collection
- Try to get these costs cancelled as schools not a business (given in one budget & removed by another!)
- Funding for Lunch/Afternoon Clubs

Marilyn Raymond