

Harrow Agenda 21

Proposed Minutes of the Waste Management Group Meeting Community Premises, 27 Northolt Rd., South Harrow 25th March 2009 7.00pm

Andrew Baker	AB
Bernard Burns	BB
Mick Oliver	MO
John Hollingdale	JH
Beverley McKeon	BM
Daniel McKeon	DM
Mick Campbell	MC
Linda Robinson	LR

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies were received from HM and EK.

2. Approval of minutes of meeting of 28.1.09.

6. Secretary for group.

No minutes were available, and the group had no regular secretary. MO agreed to prepare minimal minutes for this meeting.

3. Harrow waste management report

3.0 AB reported no change from his previous report on matters not covered by other items.

3.1 & 3.2 AB & MO reported Phil Greenwood's presentation at GH on 24.3.09. MO had circulated a proposed draft of comments for the group earlier in the day, and invited members to give their comments/alternative wording/areas of disagreement/approval/otherwise so that the group could submit agreed comments by the deadline of 5 p.m. on 2.4.09. text of the plan is at www.wlwp.net Members to develop proposals for projects discussed at September meeting, in particular DVD or film projects.

3.3 AB indicated the public comment draft Harrow Waste Plan had changed from that presented to the group in the autumn. Members urged to study the draft for comment (and relevant parts of the climate change strategy) and make comments to MO – comment date for both is 15.5.09 – before the next Waste Group meeting.

www.harrow.gov.uk/scripts/documents_info.php?documentID=1572 and 1576

4. Projects and Campaigns for 2009-10

4.1 MRF operators not willing to allow groups to film on their premises, but possible for group to film the collection of waste and Harrow's activities, and to interview spokesmen from MRF operators on what they do. MC to check whether film on MRF at Smugglers' Way could be available. MO to prepare project approval form for HA21.

4.2 BM reported approaching Nower Hill – JH to chase. BM willing to use Time Capsule –

had not been discussed in education group as their recent meetings were visits/activities, not business. MO willing to speak to any schools who were interested.

4.3 MC & BM reported attending Under One Sky meetings (with MR) – on logistics to date – detail to come at next meeting, including location of waste bins. BM to identify locations for bins at next meeting – AB able to supply bins of correct colour and purpose – but organiser's job to manage them. MC has control of the equipment we need.

Canons Park Community Day is well attended – BM & DM to find out date.

Agreed not to take part in Medieval May Day at Headstone Manor, but to attend to case the joint for next year.

AB to ask Saeed Atlas whether Climate Change event is scheduled.

4.4 AB reported that the consultation in Feb on draft regs had resulted in a further consultation, on how the suppliers' obligation was to be funded. Members reported that retailers were not taking any initiative on collection schemes (and that some staff training on other environmental schemes which firms operated was inadequate). Opportunity to take used batteries to UK Aware exhibition at Olympia.

5. Computer Aid petition

MO invited members to sign a petition supporting extra resources for the Environment Agency to police illegal exports of dumped electrical waste to the third world, posing as electrical equipment. <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/computeraid/> closes Apr 1.

7. Matters arising

8. AOB

Taken together, as no minutes.

AB said that supermarkets were collectively working to minimise the range of plastics used in their packaging, hence to aid separation and recycling, under the Courtaulds agreement, intended to be implemented in 2010.

BM asked when a recycling bin would be provided to St. John's Church House in Stanmore – AB promised to keep trying, but stated Access Harrow would be able to provide a compost bin. MO stated that the absence of a bin discouraged those who would otherwise be enthusiastic recyclers.

BB understood some West London waste was being incinerated at Colnbrook. AB confirmed a long term small volume agreement existed, in order to avoid landfill tax.

JH reported discussions at GH on the Hillingdon First card for use at South Ruislip – he proposed to investigate whether Harrow residents were able to use the site without hindrance.

9. DONM Wed. May 27, Civic Centre Committee room 5 or 6, at 7 p.m.