

## **BAS meeting minutes 5/7/23**

### **Present:**

Alison Zarecky, Alan Cox, Richard Carrow, Beth Elliot, Michelle Chandler, Claire Freddi, Mya McKnight, Linda Wain, Jean Wilde, Malcolm McInnes, Stuart Gentry

### **Apologies:**

Derek Prior, Russell Clark, Tony Flahive, Vanessa Richards

Keith Oborn, Simon Wells, Nicki Lee, Cllr Ian Stables

Presentation: Stuart Gentry from Sun Energy presented on Rainwater Harvesting – outline of systems and costs. Copy of slide deck attached.

Stuart introduced Sun Energy and his extensive experience in the renewables and sustainability sector. experience outlined including new housing schemes and retrofit.

A key point was that the ROI is not that attractive, so it's more about doing the right thing.

Then we had a round table of updates:

Alison updated on the new Green Team, the continuation of sending out the Absolar reports (of which there are 1700), also some funding that we have won for energy surveys, which we will be able to share in more detail with the group once there is approval from DESNZ to share it. This involves some thermal imaging camera training for up to 8 people that can be delivered in August, which can involve representatives from Loddon, TSCE, and other groups.

Malcolm requested some assistance in producing evidence for funders/surveys for Brookvale Community Centre. Stuart kindly agreed to assist as he and his team are keen to help out in the local community. He also shared that he looking into automatic lighting switches, funding for battery storage, and was having issues with his boiler, and would need to look at a heat pump in the future.

### **Actions:**

- Malcolm wanted a contact at BVA Basingstoke Voluntary Action [contact@bvaction.org.uk](mailto:contact@bvaction.org.uk) to assist with community consultation.
- AZ to double check if any planning permission is required for water tanks that are buried underground.
- Ali to send Ella's details from Climate Essentials to Malcolm, as she has been trying to onboard Brookevale as part of the SME trial. - done

Malcolm shared that Martin Bearman has one, so Jean was planning to visit.

- Maybe some pictures or a video could be taken that groups could share on social media is Martin is Ok with that? Jean? Martin?

Richard – (Burgclere Parish Council) shared that they have remade the Neighbourhood plan, and the engagement and consultation that was carried out in the parish, including 2 rounds of consultations with residents and their consultants.

Alan (Ashmansworth Parish Council) fed back on his new Octopus Flux tariff, which allows him to fill up his battery at 2am and sell it back to the grid at a profit at 4pm.

Jean (Chinham/GB) Talked about her monthly stalls on behalf of Greener Basingstoke outside Primark in Castle Square. BDBC are happy to support with any leaflets/other information she needs. This has been very successful in having climate conversations with people, as well as recruiting 20 new members for GB. Jean also expressed a wish for more knowledge on climate change – maybe this forum could look to share more information if there are certain topics that are of interest?

**Renewables workshops:**

Action: AZ to send the link to the CSE workshops:

<https://www.cse.org.uk/news/free-workshops-on-accelerating-renewable-energy-deployment-and-community-engagement/>

Field Code Changed

This future energy landscapes gives you all the resources you need to run a community engagement workshop. Or find a facilitator to do it. There is a useful video that explains how it has worked.

Suggested talk for next time – Roderick McDonald – listed buildings and conservation area.

Date for next meeting **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 4pm**

**Roundtable:**

Rainwater Harvesting: Stuart Gentry from Sun Energy gave a presentation on Rainwater Harvesting.