



Ecochat

Minutes of the meeting held at 11am on Wednesday 17th January 2018 at Greenlink, Malvern

Attendance: Ian Caldwell, Dinah Sage, Robin Coates, Ginny Lee, Philly Hunt

Apologies: None

Treasurer's report

Unallocated £1445.38

Single use plastic - ideas

- The December Ecochat had decided on a campaign against single use plastic.
- Lots of information on the Surfers Against Sewage (SAS) website
- Moveable installation showcasing problems with plastic
- Packaging - buy loose vegetables
- Philly has expertise in graphic design and printing.
- An annual Community Forest litter pick finds plastic - paper has disappeared

Philly agreed to her friend if she would write an article on her experience of a plastic-free lifestyle.

- Where could the installation go? Greenlink, Cube. Could contact be made with the Quakers? schools - through PTAs? Malvern Science and Faith weekend [now Malvern Festival of Ideas]? Barnards Green Traders?
- Could schools/ Scouts/Guides contribute material or models? Competition?

Installation brief

Discussed ideas with Jo. Along the lines of a moveable installation, made from recycled plastic, to show the effects of plastic on the environment. With some information on how to use less plastic - short messages on the installation? Leaflets? Bookmarks?

A budget for £500 was allocated for the whole project, including the installation and printing leaflets etc

Biodigestors

The Transition website is still getting queries about Brian's lamp run from dog poo.

A small bio-digester for West Malvern would probably not be carbon neutral, as electricity is needed to turn it and to keep the heat at forty degrees.

A larger digester could heat itself, but would need the council to organize collection throughout Malvern - unlikely.

Date of next meeting

Ecochat, Wednesday 7 Feb, at Greenlink, 11am

Topic - The art installation on the problems of plastic