**PACT meeting number 2022-6 – Wednesday 10th August 2022**

7pm at White Gables, Wordsworth Street, Penrith

**Present:**

Directors: John Bodger (Chair for tonight), Christine Sutherland (Secretary), Geoff Rockliffe-King,

Richard Waller

Members: Chris Cant, Daniel Fyles, Peter Dicken

Others: Kate Clement (CAO), Georgina Stephenson

**Apologies:**

Directors: Malcolm Carruthers, Ron Kenyon, Philip Sturgess

Members: Ali Ross, Frances Bell, Heather Heron, Liz Jablonski, Jaki Bell, Joan Robinson, Laura Giles,

Nigel Jenkins, Virginia Taylor

**Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of last meeting were accepted.

**PACT ADMIN**

**New member**

Daniel Fyles was accepted into membership and we welcomed him to the meeting.

**Community Action Officer**

Kate has been getting on with induction but some tasks delayed by ill health. She, Geoff and Rich had a meeting with John Forbes today.

**Repair Cafe**

Georgina has done the preparation for this month’s Repair Café, including social media awareness-raising and improving the format of the registration forms. She will continue to do the social media but in future the admin will be done by Kate. The Herald seem happy to print anything we send them.

We agree that Laura Giles can go along to the Repair Cafés to talk to people about their carbon footprints and the carbon saved by mending things instead of buying new. She can’t attend this weekend but will go next time. It was suggested that we might find a way to display a tally of the carbon saved.

**Support for Malcolm’s workshop**

PTC have agreed the grant which should be paid into the PACT account in the next few weeks. We must remember to acknowledge PTC’s contribution in any publicity.

**AGM**

We agreed to hold this on Friday 7th October at the Quaker Meeting House, Penrith (this has now been booked). Details of the format to be agreed next time but basically a short AGM, a shared meal and some short slots about the different projects that PACT is involved with. The main aim is to give the members more information and get more of them involved.

**Big Green Week -** 24 September to 2 October.

Kate is working on several ideas but nothing definitely fixed yet. Details to follow!

Freegle Give & Take event on one of the Saturdays at the Old Fire station. Kate and Chris will liaise.

**Series of talks**

Paul Allen is coming to Penrith for a CAfS event at the end of August. Kate will liaise with Ali about seeing whether Paul can do a talk for us mid October. We then hope to run an event approximately every other month.

Hybrid events where possible – in person and on Zoom.

We should run these in conjunction with Green party, XR etc. Stalls with leaflets.

**Membership drive**

Geoff will bring some proposals to the next meeting.

**EDC COP-26 Community Fund**

NB Rich is on the assessment panel for these grants.

Chris had two ideas for projects:

* Getting secondary school students to film the Repair Café, Freegle events, Community Gardeners etc.
* Setting up a website matching people’s repair needs with repairers.

The first idea was preferred.

**‘Solar Made Easy’ project**

Molly Hogg from CAfS has now asked if we would like to assist with a project called Inspiring Eden which appears to incorporate part of Solar Made Easy. Rich will discuss this with her as we are unclear what is involved. We are particularly interested in helping with the solar aspect. Molly hopes to attend our next meeting on Zoom. (See the previous minutes for more details of the Solar Made easy project.)

**OTHER**

**Coal mine**

The decision has now been delayed to 8th November. The planned demo in Whitehaven on 20th August my still go ahead.

**Soil talk**

Joan is liaising with Kate Roberts to talk on soil quality, possibly with Shelagh Todd at Lowther.

**Green reading groups**

CCC would like to have a climate change reading group in each library. They have good stocks of relevant books. Would anyone like to start one in Penrith?

**NEXT MEETING**

**In September** – probably second week in September, date to be agreed after a Doodle poll. 6.30pm start.

Hybrid meeting: in Geoff’s garden if possible (White Gables, Wordsworth Street, Penrith, CA1 7QY) and on Zoom.

**Glossary**

CAfS Cumbria Action for Sustainability

CAO Community Action Officer

CSN Cumbria Sustainability Network

EDC Eden District Council

PTC Penrith Town Council

ZCC Zero Carbon Cumbria