**PACT meeting number 2022-7 – Wednesday 14th September 2022**

7pm on Zoom

**Present:**

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

Members: Anne-Marie Williams, Chris Cant, Laura Giles, Peter Dicken

Others: Kate Clement (PACT CAO), Viv Tunnadine (PTC), Molly Hogg (CAfS, ZCC),

**Apologies:**

Directors: John Bodger, Malcolm Carruthers, Philip Sturgess, Richard Waller, Ron Kenyon

Members: Ali Ross, Daniel Fyles, Heather Heron, Liz Jablonski, Jaki Bell, Nigel Jenkins, Rachel Nickells

**Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of last meeting were accepted.

**PACT ADMIN**

**New members**

Anne-Marie Williams and Rachel Nickells were accepted into membership.

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

See <https://www.penrithact.org.uk/events/great-big-green-week-2022> for PACT events and <https://cafs.org.uk/find-an-event-during-great-big-green-week/> for county-wide events.

Freegle Give & Take event on Saturday 24th at the Old Fire station, 10 -12. Further volunteers welcome. Chris will drop off a banner for Kate to put up. Chris has sent a risk assessment to Philip.

Several events are at Penrith library on the theme of ‘Credit Crisis meets Climate Crisis’. Kate is organising a display there.

Shap Green Reading Group are putting on two events: ‘Stone Soup’ Saturday 24th, potato soup Sunday 25th.

XR are bringing a campaign bus to Penrith. Where to park it? Eden Arts – contact Adrian. Viv suggested Sainsbury’s car park and will find out who to contact.

XR are also showing a film on the 26th – Honeyland (see <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Honeyland>)

(See below re PACT working with XR)

**PACT AGM**

Friday 7th October at the Quaker Meeting House, Penrith starting at 7pm with a Zoom option for those who prefer. A short AGM, a shared meal and some short slots about the different projects that PACT is involved with. If anyone would like to talk about a project please let Christine know.

**Series of talks**

Paul Allen is not available in September or October but could manage sometime before Christmas. Kate will liaise with Paul and Rich.

**Georgina**

Georgina has decided to step back from the comms/social media role to avoid confusion with Kate’s role. We thank her for her contribution. We might be able to find more funding for Kate if necessary.

**Working with XR**

The local XR group (which has members in common with PACT) is applying for grant funding and had asked whether PACT could act as host for their banking needs, as we have done for other groups. The directors had agreed to this in principle via email but apparently XR have now made other arrangements.

The group are showing a film during Great Big Green Week, supported by the Penrith Soroptimists, and hope that this will be the first of a series of films. They asked if PACT would be partners in this. We agreed to help if needed with the first film and revisit the question of the series of films later when we have more Directors present to make a decision.

**SOLAR MADE EASY**

Molly Hogg from CAfS joined us to tell us about the ZCC project Solar Made Easy. The pilot project was started in Ambleside nearly two years ago and now new projects are getting started in five more communities including Kendal and Keswick. Molly has applied for funding to get further projects started soon. PACT has expressed interest in helping Penrith to be be one of the next places involved.

The scheme started as an attempt to support individuals who were interested in having a PV system but lacked confidence. Perceived barriers were lack of information and uncertainty about choosing installers. Also it was found necessary to make domestic installations attractive for installers, who are currently very busy and do not find it cost-effective to travel distances to install small systems.

How it works: The local group help with the initial engagement through their own networks. Eg hold an event, inform people about the project. People who are interested are then passed on to CAfS who give everyone a questionnaire about the property and their energy use. Two installers are allocated to each community so that householders know that they have a trusted installer and can get two quotes. Application forms are passed on in batches of 10 so that the installers can plan to combine site visits and installations to save travel time.

There is lots of supporting information on the website <https://cafs.org.uk/solar-made-easy/>, including FAQs, webinars and a mapping tool for each of the communities involved showing the possible suitability of each roof.

The scheme does not include solar thermal but participants are free to ask their installers about this option. Possibly in the future a similar scheme might be developed to help people install heat pumps.

**NEXT MEETING**

**AGM**: Friday October 7th at the Quaker Meeting House and on Zoom, 7pm start

**Monthly Meeting**: late October or early November. Tbc after the AGM

**Glossary**

CAfS Cumbria Action for Sustainability

CAO Community Action Officer

CCC Cumbria County Council

CSN Cumbria Sustainability Network

EDC Eden District Council

PTC Penrith Town Council

XR Extinction Rebellion (local group)

ZCC Zero Carbon Cumbria

**Financial statement at 13.09.22**

Balance Change since last meeting

Current total: £15,494.87 +£1,614.44

Gardening fund: £2,859.99 +£62.70 (Donations from gardening talks etc.)

Refill fund: £12.41 No change

Repair Café: £24.46 No change

Grant from PTC: £1,068.56 +£960

ZCC: £8,445.01 +£573.16

(ZCC-Y2-Q3 +£2,243, Support officer payment -£1,669.84)

ZCC Youth Programme: £1,180.53 No change

Unallocated: £2,863.91 +£18.58 (Donations/memberships)