

Live Simply Meeting, January 9 2018

Present: Margaret Parsons, Joan Leeming, Arnold Marsden, Ann Cooke, Sheila Shore, Theresa Mercer, Bernard Mercer, Pauline Wiggin, Mark Wiggin, Damien Buggy, Michael Hargreaves, Andrew Brown, Anthony Brown

Apologies: Maureen Mercer, Mary Brown, Antony Brown, Suzanne Brown, Dominic Aunger, Peter Foley, Grace Fellows

Mark Wiggin opened the meeting with a prayer:

Creator God,

Who made our beautiful world  
Appointed us as its guardian  
And gifted us with everything we need

Forgive us

For the times we cause it harm  
For the times our way of life  
Affects our neighbours

Inspires us

To care for the environment  
To help rebuild lives and communities  
To share in the griefs and anxieties  
Joys and hopes of all your people  
So that all your creation may flourish

Amen

### **Live Simply at Sabden**

There was a general feeling that we shouldn't necessarily cut down the fruit trees and we should instead explore the idea of drastic pruning.

**Action: Ann Cooke to seek an opinion from Peter Foley.**

Access to the compost heap is difficult so a gate would be useful.

**Action: Bernard Mercer will secure the wood being removed from the St Michael and St John's at Clitheroe so we have the basic materials required.**

**Action: Antony Brown will lead the project to construct and place a gate with support from a small number of volunteers.**

The meeting discussed whether to remove or clean up the Astroturf and Andrew Brown advised that although the moss made it currently unsafe the material itself was sound

and could be cleaned up as advised by the Sabden Horticultural Society. It will need stiff brushes, rakes and sharp spades and a team of half a dozen volunteers for one or two mornings. There are some implements at Sabden which volunteers can supplement with their own.

The Whites have placed the sleepers for the raised bed in front of the church and we now need top soil. Margaret Parsons reported that demolition at Victoria Mill might provide top soil which she felt the community minded mill owner would probably be pleased to donate.

**Action: Margaret Parsons to approach Victoria Mill about top soil if required**

**Action: Anthony Brown to publicise two dates to the Parish as a whole for volunteers on February 16 and April 13.**

**Action: Anthony Brown to ask Peter White about top soil for the raised beds on the same days**

Margaret Parsons advised that Forest o Bowland were doing hedgelaying near Sabden which might provide interest or volunteering opportunities.

### **Global Healing**

Following the success of Global Healing at Clitheroe we will run a similar event at Sabden on February 13. Following the Sabden event there will be two more events in Clitheroe, perhaps during Lent.

**Action: Anthony Brown to organise**

**Action: Margaret Parsons to publicise with the Christian Community in Sabden**

### **Live Simply Personal Commitments**

Mark Wiggin referred to Bob Turner's involvement in a project to use non recyclable plastic bottles into walls using strong wire cages. Joan Leeming has been packing crisp packets, cling film, sweet wrappers, TV Times covers into milk bottles. There was some discussion on the size of bottle that could be used for this. Wardley Hall – an eco project under the aegis of Laudato Si' – requires four pint square bottles. This is an area of potential interests for primary schools. There was also discussion on what plastic is recyclable and the need for clarification.

Bob Turner is also involved in a project where landmine victims in Cambodia are producing wood carvings for sale.

Joan Leeming advised the meeting about Little Green Footprints which is using non recyclable containers for refill. Details from [hello@littlegreenfoots.co.uk](mailto:hello@littlegreenfoots.co.uk), Alwyn 07578 711258 or Adam 07976 48533 |(your local dairyman) and also from the Market each week (day not known)

**Action: Anne Cooke will approach Ribble Valley for guidance on recycling**

**Action: Mark Wiggin to approach Bob Turner about speaking at one of our Global Healing evenings.**

**Action: All to make a personal Live Simply commitment and submit to Anthony Brown**

**Action: Anthony Brown to collate without names and use as starter list for additions and circulation within the Parish**

### **Refugees**

Anthony Brown raised the subject of Refugee Day which will not run for a fourth year without a new leader. This is a Parish Forum agenda item for 16 January. Tom Clay has drawn up a list of tasks, none of which are onerous in themselves so with a good number of volunteers a 2019 event could go ahead without major commitment from any one person. The refugee groups in Manchester and Burnley, the Clitheroe Mosque and Stonyhurst College are already lined up.

On 23 January Sean Ryan, National Caritas Community Sponsorship Coordinator, is coming to speak about his involvement with refugees and the Refugee Sponsorship Programme, making links with what our Parish is doing and with Hope in the Future and Live Simply. We hope that via the Parish Forum and Sean's presentation we can muster enough interest and volunteers to secure a 2019 Refugee Day.

Pauline Wiggin felt that the Parish and the community should sponsor a refugee family as part of the Refugee Sponsorship Programme.

**Action: Anthony Brown to publicise Sean's presentation within the Parish and the wider Christian Community**

### **AOB**

Andrew Brown will have a stall for Fairtrade Fortnight at Saden as for 2018

**Action: Andrew Brown to also encourage a similar initiative at Clitheroe**

The next CAFOD meeting is on January 15. Anthony Brown said that the first thirty BOB boxes had been sold and there was £210 for the CAFOD group to decide which CAFOD project to put the money too.

The meeting ended at 8.45