

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SUSTAINABLE PENWITH HELD ON MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2004 AT ST CLARE, PENZANCE**

**Apologies:** Francis Truscott, Matt Trevaskis, Leslie Bradley, Ralph Openshaw, Patsy Stevens, Gini Little, Michelle Cowmeadow

1. Justin welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed to be a true record.

### **3. Regeneration Plans for Newlyn Quarry**

Mat stated that the working group have been trying to identify what the main objections to the regeneration plans for Newlyn Quarry might be. Several members of our group attended a recent site visit. A lengthy discussion took place concerning the proposed development. It was agreed that our Newlyn Quarry sub-group will continue to work on identifying the sustainability issues that need to be addressed and considered. Crystal would also be seconded onto the sub-group. The sub-group would also undertake an in depth analysis of alternative proposals for example whether there would be any potential to utilise the area as a nature reserve. It was asked whether the MDL group still have any quarrying rights (Karen to ascertain). The working group will draft a letter of Sustainable Penwith's proposed response, this letter will be sent to the Chief Planning Officer of Penwith DC, local councillors and our MP.

### **4. Working with the Co-Op**

Crystal visited the Co-Op in Penzance to let them know about Sustainable Penwith. The manager told her that if we had given them a couple of months notice he would have been able to arrange a wonderful prize for our raffle. He explained that local Co-Ops are encouraged to get involved with local projects and that if we get a good project idea together they would be happy to help us. Crystal said that they might be of help in getting us office space and perhaps even would allow us to put up a sustainability display board in their shops. Karen said that perhaps they could also help us promote FairTrade fortnight. Justin stated that the Co-Op's application forms are very simple and it might well be an idea to come up with a project that will be suitable for funding.

### **5. Raffle Prizes**

The prize winners were drawn at the meeting. Karen to check with Penwith DC's reception and ask if they can give out the prizes to prizewinners on receipt of the winning ticket.

### **6. Open/Green Spaces**

Sustainable Penwith put their suggested targets to the West Cornwall Together Environment, Heritage and Culture Subgroup, these suggested targets are available on our website. Most of our targets were reasonably popular, it is still early days but the sub-group are making good progress with setting objectives and targets.

The Sustainable Trust have been asked to review our greenspace targets.

At a recent meeting of the Resource Committee of Penwith District Council it was agreed

that the piece of woodland and field at Alverton would be leased to Penwith Environmental Network to create a community woodland.

Crystal had spoken to Richard Marsh of the Cornwall Wildlife Trust they have several sites in Penwith and are very active in environmental conservation. He told Crystal that there are many areas in which we can work with the trust for example they always need volunteers for their Environmental Resource and Education Centre which is responsible for reporting wildlife deaths, etc., they are also looking for a lot more local ownership, and it would also be good if we could see how we could tie in with their strategic plan.

## **7. Tetrapak**

Justin said that he has found a pulp mill in Scotland that recycle Tetrapak containers, he has freepost stickers, however they are stopping the freepost service soon. The easiest answer is to avoid buying Tetrapak containers in the first place. For more information contact Justin.

## **8. Any other Business**

Green Box Wheels – Karen told the group that she had given Matt Trevaskis a number of sets of wheels which can be attached to the Green Box Kerbside Boxes to assist those who have difficulty in carrying their boxes. If you know of anyone who may benefit from a set of these wheels contact Matt.

Green Waste Collection – Penwith District Council have stopped their green waste skip service because it was felt not to be utilised to its best capacity, and was not felt to be good value for money. It has instead started trialling a kerbside collection of green waste, early indications are that this is proving to be very popular.

Weekend Workshop – The workshop day for the 25<sup>th</sup> September was discussed. There were general concerns about the amount/volume of work on the day and that there was a need for clarity with respect to the overview and aims of the day. Crystal agreed to work on this with Karen.