

BEDFORDSHIRE CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM

SECRETARY'S REPORT APRIL 2009

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- 1 I was glad to leave treasuring to Peter Tyldesely last year, but secretarial paperwork is sometimes pretty huge – and I have tried to shorten the minutes of both Executive and Forum meetings, but have failed!

- 2 Stalls have been quite demanding. Tony and I have been very involved, but others have helped, and these events have been reasonably successful, always gaining interest and new members. We have staffed 8 stalls over the year.
 - 20 April we attended the ZCC launch (Zero Carbon Castle, street event).
 - 24 April we were at Bedford College with a great deal of literature.
 - 9 June we attended an environmental session at County Hall.
 - 26 July Faraday Square Centre, Bedford, we joined in a community event.
 - 1 November it was the turn of the Mayor's Sustainability Stall in the Market in Bedford
 - 15 November at the Civic Theatre we supported the Borough's environmental event
 - 5 March this year we had a good day at the County's "Reducing Carbon Conference" at the Rufus Centre
 - 20 March Tony staffed the BCCF stall in Luton's shopping Mall
 - 24 March, Tony and I attended a workshop on mitigating Climate Change at Stockwood Country Park, Luton. This opened our eyes to the need for authorities to prepare for such things as extreme and sudden weather events which cause flooding and destruction. 'Adaptation' was the key word.

- 3 I have asked members for ideas on topics – with no response so far. I have tried to begin a collection of articles for Newsletter which Wahid Khan has offered to help with – so I am still hopeful.

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