



## **Eco-Congregation Scotland ESK and TWEED NETWORK**

**5.10.2015**

**Penicuik North Kirk**

PRESENT : Carlops Church : Jo Blackburn, Gary Jack, Nan Buchan, Bridget Wilcox, Mary McElroy, Jean Hunter, Rennie McElroy

Peebles Old Kirk : Anne Derrick, Isabelle Coghill, Janette Cameron, Janet MacDougall

Penicuik North Kirk : Jean Lord, Anne Atack, Mary Latham, Catherine Ramsay, Robert Ramsay, Linda Alexander, Anne Brown, David Tulloch, Andrew Kerr

Eco-congregation Scotland : Margaret Warnock

APOLOGIES : none

### **Notes:**

### **ECO – CONGREGATION SCOTLAND ESK AND TWEED NETWORK MEETING PENICUIK NORTH KIRK 5 OCTOBER 2015 AT 7.30PM**

#### **Opening and Welcome**

David Tulloch welcomed to the meeting representatives from Peebles Old, Carlops and Penicuik North churches along with Margaret Warnock from Eco Congregation Scotland and opened the meeting with prayer.

#### **The Foodstore at Penicuik North Kirk**

David Tulloch gave the meeting a presentation on the work of the Foodstore@PNK. In doing so David explained that he was not directly involved with the Foodstore and was giving a presentation (copy attached) prepared by the Foodstore Co-ordinators who unfortunately could not be present at the meeting, due to holiday commitments. A lively question and answers session followed the presentation.

#### **News from Churches**

##### **Peebles Old**

Anne Derrick from Peebles Old Church outlined the work which their church had undertaken since the last Network meeting, which included:

- Eco service held in church
- Pledge cards given out, follow up later
- Work in church garden

##### **Carlops**

Nan Buchan spoke about the Eco related work which Carlops Church had recently undertaken:

- Continuing work, recycling
  - Fresh Start, Womens' Aid and the Raven Trust continue to be supported through recycling of goods
- Soup lunches
- Walks
- Clean up of local area
- Welcome booklet published for community and newcomers
- Applied for and received continuing Eco award
- Eco service held in Carlops, West Linton
- Climate Justice Baton was in Carlops and West Linton for 1 week. It visited the after-school running club, Brownies, Cubs, Guides, Boys Brigade and West Linton School, where Carlops ECO group attended an assembly. It reached Carlops Church on Sunday, where children ran with it round the village field and played games, after which they passed the baton around the congregation in church.

### **Penicuik North**

David Tulloch from Penicuik North Kirk explained that their first Eco Award had been presented to the congregation at morning worship on 24 May by the Rev Trevor Jamison who also brought with him the Climate Justice Baton which was passed round the congregation. Like Peebles Old Church pledge cards were given to the congregation at the service and these will be followed up in November. The main recommendations attached to the award are to be considered by Kirk Session shortly, though good publicity had been achieved in relation to the award including a photograph in Life and Work.

### **NEWS FROM ECO CONGREGATION SCOTLAND**

- Climate Justice Baton relay
- Website and stories
- Baton journey to Shetland
- Enthusiasm from Scottish Government, churches, community groups
- Taking message to world leaders for climate justice
- Seminar, 20 networks represented
- Where after Paris summit on climate change, looking ahead, what resources
- Annual gathering 2016 in Perth or Dundee ? 25 April, Natural world, Biodiversity

### **AOB**

Jo Blackburn explained that she wished to stand down as Esk and Tweed Network Coordinator at Easter 2016. Therefore a new coordinator would be required. The main duties of the post are to pass information round participating churches and arrange meetings twice a year. Jo indicated that the post did not involve very much time, perhaps a few hours now and again particularly in the lead up to meetings and, if available, attending network and related meetings. It would be helpful to be computer literate. It was suggested that the new coordinator should come from a church other than Carlops who had provided both coordinators to date.

Jo also indicated that Margaret Warnock is to retire from her post as Co ordinator with Eco Congregation Scotland next Easter. Margaret was warmly thanked for all her work and the support which she had given individual churches and the Network over the years.

**Date of next meeting**

The next Network meeting is to be held in Peebles old church on Monday 4 April at 7.30pm. There will be a speaker from the Amisfield Walled Garden Project, Haddington. It was agreed that an invitation be extended to members of the East Lothian Network, for this meeting.

**Close**

The meeting closed with the Benediction.