



Sustainable Chulmleigh working towards a greener future...

Meeting: Wednesday 2nd October

Nick: facilitating

Present: Miriam, Diane, Claire, Jack, Julie, Amy

Apologies: Kelly

Agenda:

Welcome

Amy Roberts (community animator, Biosphere communities)

Hugh Warwick talk...debrief

Repair cafe debrief

Update on website (Jack)

'Business' cards for SC?

Write-up in Chulm (Claire)

Risk assessment and Safeguarding (Julie)

Chulmleigh churchyard

New SC community allotment

Upcoming and future events:

Maddy Harland talk

Winter events

Summer walks

AOB

Amy Roberts:

Area Amy is covering Ashreigny and Riddlecomb plus Chulmleigh

Amy explained the extent of the Biosphere. Recently received a lot of lottery funding so four hubs now exist. Possibly chosen because there's existing nature recovery groups.

Initially, Amy will be learning what we're doing and what we need. Amy also has ideas, but is here today to find out more about our group.

Hugh Warwick talk:

Cost about £320 to put on and raised £170 in donations. The difference came from our existing funds.

All agreed it was a success and good starting talk, well attended.

Repair cafe debrief:

Costs us £25 to put on and we made £33.

Was very good weather so low turnout amongst both repairers and people bringing things.

AP Julie shout out for new repairers and ask existing ones if they're free on date in March when agreed upon.

Update on website (Jack):

Thanked everyone for all the positive feedback. Claire has made a logo so...

AP Nick send biggest file to JS.

Jack went through a list of needs for the website.

All agreed a monthly mail-out to email list.

Who to be responsible for this? (Defer to next meeting, but AP Jack will create a welcome email).

All agreed a Sustainable Pledge of simple things



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AP Jack to devise list for us all to agree on.

Agreed that we will always warn people if photos will be published.

All agreed minutes and finances will be put on FB.

AP Julie will send Jack minutes after every meeting and Rich/Rach the finances after AGM

'Business' cards:

All agreed to have a card hand-out at events. Will have logo on.

AP Nick to order cards with help from **Jack**.

A5 flyers including a QR code for upcoming events at all events is also very useful. (**Miriam** is happy to do this job.)

Write-up in Chulm:

Claire to be monthly writer. Claire went through the October items.

Risk assessment and Safeguarding (Julie):

AP Julie to work on in the next couple of weeks. **AP Nick** please send the logo to Julie to put on.

The policies will be put on the website once written.

Chulmleigh churchyard:

Set up wild space 18 months ago.

Next job is a 'mob' to rake after the cut. **AP Nick** will do a shout out when done for volunteers.

AP Julie look at low cost play kitchen for the area.

AP Nick to contact Mike Moser for log slices for seat area for kids' area.

New SC community allotment:

We have been offered one and will run it as a community plot. Will advertise it as a community grow/pick space.

Upcoming and future events:

- Maddy Harland talk
AP Julie FB event coord with **Claire**. Doors open 6:30pm 7pm talk
AP Nick sort out mike/PA system
- Winter events... 2 leaky dam days 1x bird box (new site pied flycatchers) details tbc
- Summer walks... Taw Valley Dairy near Sampford Courteney (**Jack** to organise),
Roborough Rewilders (**Nick** to organise and contact Nick), Hilltown Organic (Claire follows,
other side of Okehampton **AP Claire** to find out more)
- All details tbc

AOB

- Miriam mentioned that she'd like to set up a community plot on her land but not for another year. It has worked well in the past.
- Julie and Kelly met with the Parish Council in September, along with Emma from DWT. Emma gave a short presentation on how the DWT can support the council and we asked if we could be included in their environmental sub committee. We had an opportunity to discuss current projects both by the PC and SC and discussed ways of working together in the future.



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- Julie has signed up to Mid Devon council tree warden scheme. Will find out what it's about and feed back in future meetings. All agreed it would be great if North Devon Council also runs the scheme and once we know more, approach Kevin Davies (district councillor).
- Jack event...team of helpers to develop the pond on their land, remove aviary and plant willow. Jack will provide lunch and refreshments for the working party. 3rd Nov. Details to follow.
- Jack: Book group for SC? Nick explained that Mark Haworth-Booth will explain how to set it up for us. Coming soon!
- Jack...we might have a chance of purchasing more land. Could SC apply for funding or crowdfunding? Discussion followed about potential uses for this land and all agreed that, if the landowner decides to give it up, a crowd funder is probably the best option.
- Julie mentioned similar idea...community orchard...Nick explained all landowners around Chulmleigh, their land is currently tied up. Discussed possibility of one of the dog walking fields, especially next to allotments becoming a small orchard as Chulmleigh doesn't have one yet.