



Sustainable Chulmleigh working towards a greener future...

Meeting: Tuesday 12th November 2024

Facilitating: Jack,
Present: Amy, Kelly, Claire, Julie, Miriam and Nick
Apologies: none

Agenda:

Welcome

Minutes from last meeting (14th Oct)

AMBER meeting update (Miriam and Kelly)

Display posters – discuss sample, agree what is needed for WAD and future events

Events and Projects update

- Wild about Devon

- Churchyard

- 6 inches of soil update

- Allotment

- Roborough Rewilders

- Cadbury Pond (including DofE involvement)

- Book group

- Taw Valley

- Hillborough Organics

- Botanical Society Plant Hunt

- Mini talks event

- Summer conference

Grants update

- Freshwater

- Branching Out

Newsletters and mailing list

Declaration

Website news

AOB

Date and item agendas for next meeting.

Minutes from last meeting (14th Oct):

APs still to be done

Julie will contact repair cafe folk (prob. New year)

All other APs completed...please refer back to previous minutes.

Julie mentioned how much positive response she's heard about Sustainable Chulmleigh recently which we all found very heartening.

AMBER meeting update (Miriam and Kelly):

AMBER are very keen. They want a regular commitment....can we provide this? Already have a polytunnel there. Would come to the allotment...two things could come together; seed planting then transfer to allotment. They would be copying what happens in a sister Surrey set-up. Needs public liability and employers insurance if activities are on private land.

Will always send a staff member to supervise.

SC Agreed two things: shout out for a regular volunteer to work with AMBER and feed back;



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AP Nick will contact the Parish Council to check it's ok with the insurance (after the next meeting) on the allotment;

AP Miriam and Kelly will come up with a strategy to bring back to the next meeting.

All agreed we would do one-off events with AMBER e.g. church yard as second idea. Has to be week days possibly because of staff (AP Miriam will check).

Display posters – discuss sample, agree what is needed for WAD and future events:

Jack showed a sample poster for the display board. We need to tailor them to events, seasons, etc.. all liked the sample.

Have some permanent things on the display, too.

Brainstorm of potential posters for next event:

Photos

Plastic Banner

Some artefacts SC use e.g. skull

Homemade banner as table cloth

Business cards

Blue heart (Jack)

Bird boxes

Leaflets

AP everyone email photos to **Jack** for this display please asap.

Events and Projects update:

- **Wild about Devon**
(Please see poster info above) **Nick, Claire, Jack** attending 29th November.
- **Churchyard:**
AP Nick will give a shout out this week once area is mowed. Saturday or Sunday 24th. 2pm? Will let us know.
AP Nick contact Sam Chandler in advance of this.
Julie contacted the toddler group. They don't have a mud kitchen but the group leader wants to get involved (Heather Gardiner).
Regarding the building, Stuart Smith is happy to help. I said we aren't in any rush (as he's busy at present). He'll do us a good deal and may have oddments of wood already.
All agreed to locate the mud kitchen on the allotment rather than at the graveyard as it would be useful to the playgroup and when families go there.
AP Nick to contact church folks who had the idea in the first place and explain our thinking.
- **6 inches of soil update**
AP Claire to put up posters
- **Allotment**
AP Nick will go and strim it. **Claire and Nick** to assess it. Will use Kevin's compost bin with his consent.
- **Roborough Rewilders**
Next year, May? Tbd
- **Cadbury Cottage Pond (including DofE involvement):**



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Nigel Parish has helped dig in a pipe. Entrance of pipe is still above the shelf so we need another day ideally.

- **Book group:**

Nick has contacted Mark.

Claire suggested contacting the library and see if they'll have a Sustainable Chulmleigh section of the lending books.

AP Julie talk to librarians.

AP Jack will flag it up that we have the collection on the website.

- **Taw River**

tba after Christmas

- **Hilltown Organics**

Tbd

- **Botanical Society Plant Hunt:**

1st January? Collate results. A few venues? Amy suggested a series of them.

AP Jack will check dates and carry over to Dec meeting.

- **Mini talks event:**

Following success of the recent talks, Jack had the idea of doing an evening of mini talks January/February time:

Ideas....Swift talk, how not to build a pond, XR, Nick Withers, Sustainability...Kelly and Amy...roving reporters. Claire will be front of house. Miriam would like to interview folks on sustainability in Chulmleigh. She will work with Kelly and Amy. Interviews could be published in The Chulm.

Could repeat mini talks for the eco fair in September...Julie says 'yes please'!

- **Summer conference**

Next meeting but basically bringing together the best of SC.

- **Late spring chalk and walk and Plant hunt.**

Tbd

Will need to talk to PC regarding spraying of chemicals.

- **Grants update:**

Freshwater: should know end of November

Branching Out: another possible grant to hedge at Cadbury Cottage. Jack has applied.

- **Newsletters and mailing list:**

Now agreed an 'as-and-when' mailing. Newsletter bi-monthly. Can we have another interview...

AP Jack will approach a young person.

- **Declaration:**

Carried over to next meeting



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- **Website news:**

AP Jack put Instagram on.

AP please everyone send links, relevant stuff for the season.

AOB

- Eco kids magazine... Kelly asks could we subscribe for the primary school...see if they want it.
All agreed we would subscribe it for them, if they're keen and don't already.
- Plastic free and pesticide free Chulmleigh was raised....discuss next meeting please.
- Town hall is investing in equipment, do we want to make a contribution?
All agreed to give donation as we plan to have smaller events there if possible as well as the Pavillion. Makes economic sense as the Pavillion is a considerable cost to our small group.
- Bird box building will be in the new year.
- CAG Nick announced we are now members. When insurance comes through, will pay it.
- AP Amy send Nick Andy Bell's email with a view to having a talk.
- Amy...any more grants needed? She has suggested 'Easy Fundraising ' and sign up to.
AP Amy will look into it.
- AP please can Amy get Tom Parsons to come do a botanical survey.
- AP Amy will also contact Petroc as they have unused equipment like bat detectors we could make use of. Yes please!
- Also, do we want a survey in the community? Nick suggested The Chulm (and website).
AP Amy can put together a survey and work with Jack on it.
- Amy also mentioned that ND Biosphere have got both a new ecologist and marine biologist at our disposal. Event? Braunton Burrows?
- Julie mentioned that our ND MP Ian Roome will be in parliament on the 24th January so that the CANBill (Climate and Nature Bill) will be passed to the next stage.

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Can it be on a Weds please 11th 2pm ...hopefully everyone free that day.