



Sustainable Chulmleigh working towards a greener future...

Meeting: Tuesday 11th December 2024

Facilitating: Claire

Present: Dorette, Julie, Claire, Amy and Jack

Apologies: Kelly and Nick

Agenda:

Welcome

Minutes and Aps from last meeting (12th November)

Past events debrief

Wild about Devon update (Amy)

6 Inches of Soil (Nick and Claire)

AMBER strategy (Miriam and Kelly)

Survey (Amy)

Interviews (Miriam, Amy and Kelly)

Upcoming Events and Projects update (not all need to be discussed, only if there is an update or we want to fix any dates)

Allotment

Churchyar

Cadbury Pond (including tree planting and groups involvement)

Book group

Botanical Society Plant Hunt (to cancel??)

An Evening with Sustainable Chulmleigh - Jan/ Feb (mini talks event)

Nest box and leaking dam building

Roborough Rewilders - May

Taw River Dairy Visit – Spring

Repair Café – Spring

Plant Hunt – Late Spring

Chalk and Talk – Early Summer

Hillborough Organics

Summer conference

Grants update

Freshwater – expecting to hear any time now

Branching Out – by 12th Jan, or possibly earlier

Display posters – show ones so far, confirm ideas for new ones

Newsletter and mailing list (feedback on last mailing plus any new signs up from 6 inches?)

Declaration

Website news

AOB

Date and agenda items for next meeting.



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Past events debrief:

- **Wild About Devon** (<https://www.devonlnp.org.uk/get-involved/wild-about-devon/>) update (Amy):
SC members were too unwell to attend.
Amy said there were good talks...one we might be interested in is decorative patching.
AP Jack to try find one that she knows to run a workshop.
- **6 Inches of Soil** (Nick and Claire)
Issue with the projector. CD player goes to sleep every 20 minutes. Town hall, with the grant of £200 has put in a proper projector so won't have this issue. Can seat 80. Other issue up in the air ATM.
We had a brief discussion on the event, all felt a positive experience.

AMBER strategy (Miriam and Kelly)

tb discussed at next meeting

Interviews (Miriam, Amy and Kelly) fwd to when Miriam and Kelly are free.

Upcoming Events and Projects update (not all need to be discussed, only if there is an update or we want to fix any dates):

- **Allotment:** no progress other than Claire has looked at it. **Nick and Claire will cover in cardboard.** Stuart is busily building the mud kitchen. **AP Jack** will provide raspberry canes. **AP Julie** has offered to help toddler group grow something to plant down there with guidance. **AP Julie** to update toddler group on suggestion.
- **Churchyard:** ND council have now finally strimmed. **Nick and Claire will take and seed.**
- **Cadbury Pond** (including tree planting and groups involvement): Jack updated us... 800 trees and hedge saplings all arrived and heeled in ready for a planting out day. Hedging trees have been ordered for the pond planting, too.
4th and 5th January will be tree planting weekend.
AP Julie will liaise with Jack and create the event on FB...please all share. Each area to have lead 'experts'. Will use wool and wood chip to protect very small saplings.
- **Book group:** carry forward but the idea is to share a book you've read rather than the same book. Set a date next meeting?
- **Botanical Society Plant Hunt** (cancel...too much on atm)
AP Jack will still promote it before NYD online.
- **Jan/ Feb mini talks event...** postponed until Autumn 2025
- **Taw River Dairy Visit** - Spring **AP Jack will make contact.**
- **Repair Café** - March dates, last three weekends in March. (15th, 22th and 29th)
AP Julie make contact and do a call-out for help asap
- **Plant Hunt:** Late Spring (date tbd)



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- **Chalk and Talk:** Early Summer (date tbd May)
- **Hilltown Organics** (<https://www.harvestworkerscoop.org.uk/site/suppliers/hilltown-organics/>): they had an open day recently...need to keep an eye out for next one. Hope to do a SC visit there.
- **Summer conference:** to invite people in (end of May/ early June depending upon speakers) Theme of nature recovery/sustainability. Need to think through the parking. TBdiscussed further.
- **Broadridge Farm tour:** Dorette to lead (date tbd) rewilding theme.
- **Nest box building/ leaky dams/holly bashing:** dates tbd
- **Roborough Rewilders** **AP Claire** to make contact regarding expertise.

Grants update:

Freshwater – expecting to hear any time now

Branching Out - to hear by 12th Jan - Jack has costed up and trees purchased.

Display posters – show ones so far, confirm ideas for new ones:

Jack showed a sample of posters to put on our display board and around Chulmleigh
AP Claire to ask Hilary.

Newsletter and mailing list (feedback on last mailing plus any new signs up from 6 inches?):

AP Jack is creating the newsletter and will put nature pledge into it from the Biosphere.

AP Jack to make contact with Jack Wolfenden.

The next 'meet' by the person is with Elisha and her mum.

Amy suggested one with Jack W. next to go alongside the pledge link.

Will also list events in the newsletter.

AP Claire will send a recipe to Jack.

Declaration: do we need one? All agreed to scrap the idea, but will pinpoint people towards other declarations online that people can aim for with regards to sustainability.

Website news: on-going, Jack is checking regularly.

AOB:

- Amy started a survey. Has come to a halt as it was going to cost £1k!
Plastic free ND are contracted to work with SC so... **AP Amy** to talk to Claire from PFree to get together a bigger and better survey.
AP Jack to remove the current survey. Will put a small summary on there for those who completed it.



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- **Easy fundraising.** Amy has made contact and they are keen for us to get involved. Hoping to support ethical sellers. With a premise of 'if you have to shop here, can you please do it on the donation route' if they're less ethical.

Facebook posts: all agreed to continue to keep it relevant to sustainability. Enough admins to monitor how many selling posts we get.

All agreed Jo Moser's idea (email to Claire read out) is great. Look forward to hearing updates. **AP Jack** to add the call-out to the newsletter.

Jack noticed that the CAG map lists SC but when clicked on, there's no link. **AP Julie** contact Helen Bines (Leah's boss now she's left) to get out website link added.

Dorette said to take a look at Heal website, does it fit the Chulmleigh template? All agreed it probably doesn't.

Date and agenda items for next meeting: Weds 22nd January 2pm