



Sustainable Chulmleigh working towards a greener future...

Meeting: Wednesday 22nd January 2025

Facilitating: Claire

Present: Dorette, Miriam, Nick, Jack, Amy, Claire, Kelly and Julie

Apologies: none

Agenda:

Welcome

Minutes and APs from last meeting (11th December)

Past events debrief: Tree Planting weekend and Roborough Visit (Jack/ Amy)

Interviews (Amy, Kelly, Miriam)

Primary School links and Eco Kids Magazine (Kelly)

Matt Peek, scout talk (Claire/ Nick)

Surveys (Amy)

Upcoming Projects and Events (not all need to be discussed, only if there is an update BUT would be good to fix some dates for these)

Allotment (Claire/ Nick)

Churchyard (Claire/ Nick), including mud kitchen update (Julie)

Cadbury Pond (Jack, to include potential events this year)

NEW – Farm Producers (Claire/Jack - Jo Moser led with support from Jack W)

Crafting Day making SC squares (Amy/ Jack - Gemma from Devon Crafts very keen)

Book group

Nest box and leaking dam building – Feb/ March

NEW – Visiting Speaker (Nick)

Repair Café – Spring (Update from Julie on new help)

Taw River Dairy Visit (Jack) - May

Roborough Rewilders - June (Nick has said yes to this)

Plant Hunt (Jack) – Late Spring

Chalk and Talk (Kelly) – Early Summer

Hillborough Organics -?

Summer conference (Nick/Claire) - July

An Evening with Sustainable Chulmleigh (Jack) – Autumn

NEW – Bat talk/ walk? Rob from Biosphere

Broadridge Farm tour (Dorette)

Grants update

Freshwater – still waiting to hear

Branching Out – approved and claim now in

Repair Café, on the lookout for one to purchase a Sharpening machine

Amy, any more?

Display posters – (no update)

Newsletter and mailing list (Interviews with Ellie and Gemma (crafts))

Website news

AOB

Date and agenda items for next meeting.



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Past events debrief:

Tree Planting weekend (Jack):

Jack thanked everyone who came. Still got some planting to do. Nick Bengé (Roborough rewilding) is digging ponds. Amy and Jack and Neil (ARNRG) visited Roborough Rewilding to see how biodiversity has grown since their project started four years ago. Thinking to have more collaboration with Ashreigny. Slightly different geography so will be interesting to see the difference.

Interviews: (Amy, Kelly, Miriam): carry over until next meeting.

Primary School links (Kelly):

No feedback regarding the magazine.

AP Julie and Kelly to do presentation photo with next magazine. Also arrange to meet parents like Felix and with HT to see how SC can help.

Matt Peek, scout talk (Claire/ Nick):

23.01.25 Nick and Claire are going to do a talk to the scout group for them to get badges. Amy is meeting with Lieica the Brownie leader.

Surveys (Amy): done. Please keep sharing.

Upcoming Projects and Events (not all need to be discussed, only if there is an update BUT would be good to fix some dates for these):

- **Allotment (Claire/ Nick):** as it's a locked plot it needs to be timetabled. Might be an issue with Monday to Friday with AMBER.
Miriam has been talking to AMBER and one of the employees asked if there was an update. (They couldn't do the tree planting because it was on a weekend.)
Amy suggested them compiling an advert to encourage someone to help AMBER in their polytunnel. Nick and Claire are going to move a bench to the allotment.
- **Churchyard (Claire/ Nick, including mud kitchen):** mud kitchen isn't quite in its final resting place.
AP Nick will talk to church wardens that they now have one. Stuart kindly dropped it off and has been paid £60. He kindly donated his time and the wood to bring the price down. Many thanks to him from SC.
AP Jack and Amy to seek a grant for the seating and nature trail posts.
- **Cadbury Pond** (Jack, to include potential events this year): not heard about funding yet.
- **NEW – Farm Producers list (Claire/Jack - Jo Moser led with support from Jack W):** this will enable locals to both sell and buy their produce locally. In time, it will be on the website. The list has started to be collated. **AP Kelly** has someone to pass on.
- **Crafting Day making SC squares (Amy/ Jack Gemma from Devon Crafts very keen):** **AP Jack and Amy will seek funding** to enable a panel project to happen. The end project will be Craftivist panels raising the profile of sustainability and wildlife.



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- **Book group and SC book collection:** Potential new home for the library opposite Gemma's shop.
AP Julie check to see regarding the library as they've not gotten back to us so Nick took up Kevin's kind offer.
- **Nest box building – Feb/March:** date tba provisionally looking at 22nd to cut the timber
AP Julie ask Stuart if he's available to help Nick and Kevin S. Location Eggesford.
- **NEW – Visiting Speaker (Nick):** 28th February Town Hall.
Professors Fiona Matthews and Tim Kendall ...to talk about Beaver black ops following his book 'Black Ops and Beaver Bombing'. Details tbd.
- **Repair Café – Spring** (Update from Julie on new help):
Stuart Smith (carpenter) and Claire Dell (upholstery and sewing)
AP Julie create advert for 22nd March 1 to 4 and do another call-out. **Julie** to also ask Sue W (High Bick Repair cafe) about the grinder requirements as they've kindly offered to lend theirs to us (training, safety, where they purchased it).
As we're on the lookout for one to purchase a
AP Amy/Jack to look out for an appropriate grant.
- **Taw River Dairy Visit (Jack):** no charge so could be a fundraiser...3/4 car shares 15 people. Date...Wednesday 28th May 2pm-4pm...if anyone is interested, please contact Sustainable Chulmleigh.
AP Jack to make an event.
- **Roborough Rewilders** - June (Nick has said yes to this, feedback on Amy, Jack + Rob visit):
Will be an organised visit on Saturday June 7th. Details to follow.
- **Plant Hunt (Jack) – April 27th 2pm-4pm**
- **Chalk and Talk (Kelly) – Early Summer...May date tbc**
AP Kelly contact them (rebel botanists) to find out when their joint event with blue heart campaigners will be so some of us can attend. Next blue hearts need painting...**AP Amy** ask Little Red Hen if we can come and create new blue hearts there. Will then set up a date.
- **Cadbury Cottage summer gathering (Nick/Claire):** July...possibly 19/20th **AP Nick** to discuss dates with one of the speakers. **AP Dorette** to ask Nick V. as a speaker. Donations and food discussed. Might need sub committee to organise this.
Julie asked if a number of the speakers could still please attend the South Molton Eco Fair 14th September.
- **An Evening with Sustainable Chulmleigh** (Jack) – Autumn tbd
- **NEW – Bat talk/ walk?** Rob from Biosphere (into one of our other events...maybe the gathering?)



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- **Broadridge Farm open day (Dorette):** SC/Ashreigny groups invited with up to 20 people. Wednesday 30th April details to follow. 2pm-evening.

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Discussed some other grant possibilities.

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Amy looking for young wildlife champions who will be awarded a trip. Discuss at next meeting.

Newsletter and mailing list (Interviews with Ellie and Gemma (crafts)): **AP Jack** organising this. Newsletter for February. **Please send other ideas to Jack.**

The Chulm **AP Claire** to put all the upcoming dates in the next Chulm.

AOB

Amy is considering becoming SC treasurer.

Reminder...soaring swifts talk 7:30pm talk at the Pavilion this Friday.

Date and agenda items for next meeting: 2pm 12th February.