



Sustainable Chulmleigh working towards a greener future...

Meeting: Wednesday 12th February 2025

Facilitating: Jack

Present: Dorette, Jack, Amy (via zoom), Claire, Kelly and Julie

Apologies: Miriam, Nick,

Agenda:

Welcome

Minutes and APs from last meeting (25th January)

Past events debrief: none

Interviews (Amy, Kelly, Miriam)

Primary School links and (Kelly and Julie)

Surveys (Amy)

Upcoming Projects and Events – to be discussed if there are any updates

Allotment (Claire/ Nick)

Churchyard (Claire/ Nick)

Cadbury Pond (Jack)

Farm Producers (Claire/Jack with Jo Moser)

Crafting Day making SC squares (Amy)

Book group and SC book collection

Nest box building Feb 22nd to cut wood/ 2nd March (tbc) to build (Nick)

Black Ops and Beaver Bombing' 28th Feb (Nick)

Repair Café 22nd March 1pm till 4pm (Claire/ Julie)

Taw River Dairy Visit 28th May confirmed 2pm till 4pm (Jack)

Roborough Rewilders 21st June confirmed (Jack)

Plant Hunt April 27th 2pm till 4pm (Jack)

Chalk and Talk May tbc (Kelly)

Summer conference 19th/ 20th July tbc (Nick/Claire/Jack)

An Evening with Sustainable Chulmleigh Autumn (Jack)

Broadridge Farm tour 30th April 2pm till evening (Dorette)

Balance the Scales – beaver film (Kelly/ Dorette)

Grants update

Freshwater – still waiting to hear

Branching Out – approved and money now been received

Green Scythe for crafting – Amy

Nineveh Charitable Trust for equipment for walks and talks - Jack/ Nick

Display posters

Newsletter and mailing list (Interviews with Ellie and Gemma – Nick)

Website news

AOB

Date and agenda items for next meeting.



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Meeting

Minutes and APs from last meeting (25th January)

Most APs need carrying over apart from Amy applying for grants. She has investigated a few.. (Please see previous minutes for January APs)

Julie has contacted Stuart who isn't available on the date of bird box building but has offered his workshop. Nick and Stuart are in contact.

All agreed 19th July will be the summer gathering date.

Claire has put the next dates in The Chulm..

Interviews: (Amy, Kelly, Miriam)

no update

Primary School links (Kelly and Julie):

Two meetings have been held. Kelly set up a WhatsApp group and has added keen friends (parents). Hannah's sister is running an eco group at Lapford. Then met with Becca (year 6/opal/trained forest-school teacher) who is up for anything and keen to be involved. Kelly et al chose easy wins to present to Becca. She wants to rewild the school and Becca is now aware of 1. The climate resilience plan supported by ND Biosphere (**AP Amy** will find out more) and 2. DCC expectation for a climate action plan. (See links at the end of these minutes). Also see link to blue hearts for more explanation, as the school is keen to achieve this.

AP Kelly will also get SC event dates into the newsletter regularly.

AP Assembly on the blue hearts might be needed (discuss next month once hearts are painted).

Amy happy to lead on this.

Surveys (Amy):

Slow progress, please share again.

Julie mentioned the XR surveys and will feed that info to SC. Here are the results of the Climate Forum survey on what concerns people the most:

Nature loss 18, Pollution 13, Government in/action 12, Food security 11, Global heating 11, Fossil fuel expansion 10, Public engagement 8, Carbon emissions 7, Flooding 6, Airport expansion 5

Upcoming Projects and Events – to be discussed if there are any updates:

- **Allotment (Claire/ Nick):** Claire has contacted the compost company. In next Chulm and newsletter we will announce the allotment's next stage for the community. (**APJack**)
- **Churchyard (Claire/ Nick):** in hibernation so not planning anything ATM.
- Cadbury Pond (Jack): Still not heard about the grant. (**AP Jack to chase**)
- **Farm Producers (Claire/Jack with Jo Moser):** on-going, no update
- **Crafting Day making SC squares (Amy):** Gemma is keen to be involved. Theme of local wildlife. Also on-going.
- **Book group and SC book collection:** no update
- **Nest box building:** Feb 22nd to cut wood/ 2nd March (tbc) to build (Nick).



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- **Black Ops and Beaver Bombing:** 28th Feb (Nick): Julie apologies.
- **Repair Café 22nd March 1pm till 4pm (Claire/ Julie)** apologies from Dorette. Andy is attending sharpening training and will be borrowing the High Bick sharpener.
- **Taw River Dairy Visit 28th May** confirmed 2pm till 4pm (Jack): will be advertised to the community.

Roborough Rewilders: 21st June confirmed with Nick Bengé **AP Jack to contact Ashreigny Neil** to join us - maybe a Summer solstice event?

- **Plant Hunt April 27th** 2pm till 4pm (Jack): no update
- **Chalk and Talk May tbc (Kelly):** coincide with school event. Will be waiting for fine weather.
- **Summer conference:** agreed on 19th July...sub committee of Claire, Nick and Jack - will need a list of potential speakers first.
- **An Evening with Sustainable Chulmleigh Autumn (Jack):** no update
- **Broadridge Farm tour 30th April 2pm till evening (Dorette):** see what the take-up is. Not beavers this time.
- **Balance the Scales – beaver film (Kelly/ Dorette):** **AP Nick is seeing Pete so can mention it.** Will be released on 1st April (that's the film, not beavers lol). Would need to be a chargeable event as we've had quite a lot of donation only expensive events recently or donations if we can find raise over the summer. All agreed to leave it until the Autumn with a panel.

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AP Amy will chase up the DWT pool of wildlife friendly equipment e.g. bat boxes and find out if we can use. Kelly...can the school use this? Possibly!

Evening events for families to attend might be a good idea. Consider at next meeting.

There is an app to detect bats maybe called 'song meter' ?

AP Jack will check and put all of them on the website e.g. plantnet, merlin birds and the bat one.

Display posters: no update

Newsletter and mailing list (Interviews with Ellie and Gemma – Nick): written, plus one spoken.

What else to go in it? Nettle soup maybe. Try get photo with the school, too with the magazine. **AP Kelly contact Camilla**, her daughter was keen. Deadline 23rd Feb. **Julie take photo?**

Also include photo of Nick and Claire at scouts.



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Website news: no update

AOB:

- Amy (and Miriam) gave an AMBER update. Don't need to ask the community for volunteers now.
- Plastic free are changing their name to 'climate action' and are working closer with local groups. Claire Moody is lead.
- **AP Kelly will investigate the grant Miriam** has mentioned £500.
- **AP Claire to send grants link to Amy** for her to look at.
- On agenda for next meeting...kids' page on website.
- Amy reminded us that we could run a competition for a young person as an eco hero and the pinkery centre as the reward. Reminder in next meeting.

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

Post meeting amendment: we are having a fund raising coffee morning at Chulmleigh Town Hall on Saturday 5th April.

Blue Heart Campaign

<https://bluecampaignhub.com/>

School Climate Action Plans

https://www.instagram.com/p/DFw_iuJxuER/?igsh=MWd5cm9wbTY3MDhmNA%3D%3D