



CAG- Minutes- Monday 5th February 2024 at 7pm

Venue- Eco Hub reception- in person

Attendees: Emma Leaf Grimshaw, Jean York, Kate Laugharne, Kirstin Rayner, Hilary Young, Peter Condon, Nicola Jenkins Apologies: Sarah Howe

1. **Welcome, introductions and volunteer** for chair for this meeting -KR to chair and take notes. KL and JY to leave at 7.25pm
2. **Minutes of the meeting 4th October** and issues arising- agreed- NJ-asked for permission to share minutes with Hatley PC. Matters arising- NJ not pursuing name change at present.
3. **Repair Café**- update- ELG 7th April 1-4pm Cambs Carbon footprint advice very useful-7 repairers registered for jewellery, clothes, textiles, electronics, electricals, bikes, PAT tester. Article for Gazette written- able to do 4 or 5 repairs per session-most slots to be booked up beforehand- online form for booking and link working- to be publicised. ELG to allocate time slots to relevant repairers. Link for Hatley website. Patti volunteer is to run the café. Clothes swap/swish-request to bring in 3-5 items a week or so before event to be sorted onto rails. PCSO's will be security marking bikes. There will be a small electrics waste bin. Drop off Thursday collect Monday- wheelie bin size.
4. **Article for the Gazette**- PC article and NJ proofread- some amendments and comments made . Additional people named in article. Once amendments done- will send around to named individuals to check OK. KL- ask for photos when emailing around. PC concerned that too many changes loses its authenticity as author. Peter C to decide final changes to include and style/first person- needs to be attributable (HY). Thanks to Peter and Nicola for work on article. May have to be split into two- Peter C to ask editors advice on reduction/publish in two parts. ELG article done and should be in March Gazette, April Gazette- GEAG/CAG article. KL and JY left the meeting.
5. **Biodiversity duty**- PBI chat, biodiversity audit and interest in action plan- ELG interested after watching PBI chat. Very useful Natural Cambridgeshire representative Helen Dye – consideration of moving an audit forward here. KR writing a biodiversity report for the PC Feb meeting- in draft form- advising council of duty and actions resulting which need attention. Asking Council whether wants to support CAG with parish audit and potential other actions. ELG/Gwyn W potentially interested in an audit- keen to be involved.KR raise issue with Council and advise what potentially can be supported as low level of councillors at present able to commit time to support volunteers/CAG. Potential partnership with WT- KR to report back after meeting. Potential to seek funding from Social Value Fund (A421 Highways)- but may need to be a wider than parish initiative. Perhaps West Cambs Hundreds parishes.
6. **Millbridge Meadows May 2024**- planned activities and events- 5th May Sunday afternoon event birds of prey flying event and picnic. Hedge laying training- was really great- ELG GW organised, 15 people now trained ad hedge looks fantastic. Orchards- pruning /back to health training and advice- GW and ELG continuing to improve health of trees in both community orchards. Sally from Potton (E of E Apples)- workshop also benefitted Allotment groups members for management of their orchard.



7. **Any other items-** NJ- Sustainable Shepreth- well attended- contacted about sharing good practice-Chris parking CCC present- community Energy schemes-Green Week in June- 8-16th- not planning anything- perhaps consider visit to Shrepreth and visit to eco Hub- tours for CAG/wider community. HY- Churchyard biodiversity project-2 new volunteers offered to help- need to do preseason dethatching. Also discussed removal of ragwort so crop of hay can be offered to horse owners/animal owners. Scything- may need a training refresh- discuss partnership with Lower Field group (MBM). HY keen to reach next level award for churchyard- discuss grass cutting length in areas and timings of cuts. KR to arrange site visit early in contract with the new contractor (yet to be determined)but to manage expectations, as unable to respond with regards to regulating grass cut length due to weather/seasonal restrictions and manpower/financial limitations.

Meeting closed 19.55pm

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