



CAG- Minutes- Thursday 7th December 2023 at 3.30pm

Venue- Eco Hub reception- in person

Attendees: Emma Leaf Grimshaw, Jean York, Kate Laugharne, Alec Hissett, Kirstin Rayner Apologies: Hilary Young, Peter Condon, Nicola Jenkins, Guy Kiddy

1. **Welcome, introductions and volunteer** for chair for this meeting -KL to chair
2. **Minutes of the meeting 4th October** and issues arising- agreed
3. **Repair Café-** update, and buy nothing new campaign (Emma)

ELG Repair Café training done- booked 7th April. January- next repair Café newsletter ask for repairers to attend. Then we will know spaces. See who offers and what gaps we have. Need volunteers on the day- need help in the Café, a front desk job (Jean is available) and runners (ELG has children.) 5 volunteers already. Need numbered tables/plan. Running between 1pm and 4pm. Clothes swap would be good- possible other groups like Freecycle/logo banners. Ask Salvation Army to collect Monday 8th- any left-over items.

4. **Article for the Gazette-** GEAG- past and CAG present- (March Gazette) Volunteer call- social media and publicity (Nicola and Peter) Nicola provided notes and will draft by mid-January and liaise with Peter (remember need volunteer social media person for publicity). Volunteer article- 4 people have come forward- one Churchyard, two winter gritters and one tea/coffee and Gazette deliverer volunteer. Pleased with the response. KR to provide contact churchyard to Alec- arrange a show around with Hilary.
5. **St Marys Churchyard biodiversity Plan-** new volunteers, work plan (Hilary)- not present. Grass cutting contractor- being re tendered, new contractor appointment in January- will arrange to discuss requirements after appointment. There will be mistakes made this season- must manage expectations. Scything- new volunteer- arrange additional training in June. Also need to explain cutting regime.
6. **Millbridge Meadows May 2024-** planned activities and events (Kirstin)- Summary councillor arranging some events in May- possible bird event, treasure trail, Gardening club plant sale- WI- Honey man, dog event etc. Wildlife Trust charged Childrens' event/s and possible free adult event (GW) repurposing of maze/volunteer group may be needed to tidy up- in April. Unfortunately, not successful with maze application- lack of community responses to project. Meeting in new year to try to plan a low-cost refurbishment. Banks clearance- KR to check when work to be commenced.
7. **South Cambridgeshire Climate Conference- 28 November-** information, Biodiversity net Gain (BNG), Natural Cambridgeshire consultation 2024 and electric charging points (Kirstin) Interesting presentations – Biodiversity net gain – opportunity for some sites to be labelled receptor sites- possibly Cinques Common and or St Marys Churchyard. Presentation links shared with the group. Natural Cambridgeshire- consultation in January- need to list enhancements needed in West Cambs Hundreds- discuss at future meeting. CAG can make its own response.



8. **Any other items**-NJ items noted. Change in name and Terms of Reference (ToR)- NJ to bring suggestions to future meeting. Responses to national consultations- NJ to email group with draft responses for agreement, if required. COP28 comments- noted. ELG- Buy nothing New January- KR ask LB to post on Facebook- OLIO App- try to get people to sign up. App also helps with borrowing stuff, want to give away stuff, lending tool libraries,-possible table at the repair Café to promote. Also invite Food Project to join.../Freegl/ Freecycle. Next meeting Zoom late January (tba)

Meeting closed 4.23pm

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