



MINUTES OF A ZOOM MEETING OF CAG 16th June 2022- start 7.35pm

Present: Peter Condon (delayed), Hilary Young, Nicola Jenkins, Keith Warburton, Kirstin Rayner (minutes)

Apologies: Larry New, Jean York, Adrian Semerene, Jenny Shelton, Sarah Howe, Guy Kiddy.

HY- Working with JS, just visited Youth Café to speak to youngsters about Climate change and the action group. JS and HY discussing rewilding jubilee project for St Marys churchyard. NJ to search out contact at Wildlife Trust to advise on indigenous wildflower species to plant in churchyard. HY discussing plan- will need to present proposals to Parish Council for consideration. Currently looking at what is there, where close mowing is required, woodland area. HY wanted weed spraying to stop adjacent to footpaths and on walls.

KW action points to produce an article for the Gazette on rewilding small, medium and large- conservation projects- back garden (small), medium- churchyard, and large Lower Field/Mini Forest/wildflower plan. NJ- recommended Isobella Tree rewilding reference book.

KW- Funding available zero carbon Communities grants- 3-month cycles-idea for a guide for village residents-welcome to Gamlingay/existing residents/walks/story about Gamlingay. Discussed difficulty in engaging people in the community- HY levels of engagement in society low-people have limited time/hours/don't have the energy or time. Covid- led to levels of apathy. What can be done? KW keen on hard copy version of guide- for all of the community-100 things you could do to help with the climate emergency. HY-100 is overwhelming. Younger generation don't read booklets, could be criticized for producing stuff on paper. Facebook- 38-50 likes- not many contributors- hope that group members will contribute posts. Understand Facebook does not reach young/ very senior population.

PC arrived at the meeting. E document would be better received, and link distributed. HY advised churches weekly newsletter now an e document, only print out those without access online. Good example of 'e' document- tree trail (ELF) a few extras printed, but accessible online. KR prints out occasionally when requested. HY- sources of funding for wildflower seeds? JS successful securing funding for bulbs from GCT Ltd, and swift boxes, possibly ask Gardening Club, Parish Council do grants twice per annum to community groups.

HY- weedkilling making brown strip next to path- request to stop this. KR- weeds will have to be pulled out by hand by volunteers so they don't block the path. Suggest rewilding experiment for two years and then review. Issues arise from brambles and nettle growth-plan needs to consider how these are to be managed.

HY to write notes as the Jubilee rewilding project develops- currently clarified no weed killing and requires a mown square for church summer fete.

PC – not contacted scout leader as yet regarding young engagement in climate action group- will contact shortly and report back.

Meeting closed 8.10pm.

