



CAG- Minutes- Monday 20th June 2024 at 6.00pm

Venue- Outside Eco Hub, Stocks Lane

Group members: Hilary Young, Peter Condon, Emma Leaf Grimshaw, Adrian Semerene (Apologies), Jean York (apologies), Nicola Jenkins, Kirstin Rayner, Kate Laugharne (apologies)

1. Welcome, introductions and volunteer for chair for this meeting -ELG to chair
2. Minutes of the meeting 29th April and issues arising- Minutes agreed. KR not done a draft article yet- simple things to do- perhaps wait until after village show feedback? KR draft in August if time. HY- some new helpers for the churchyard-Aaron, Simon Julie and Patti. Fete grass cutting -done some extra raking- agreed to leave orange areas uncut- as HJY noticed some flowers. Repair Café report submitted by ELG.
3. Biodiversity Audit ELG

Going well , onto third section, Gwyn fab job on history/research all areas/habitat ownership/maps-collating protected species. Now looking at opportunities/proposals section- this will be useful for Nature recovery strategy proposal projects. ELG and GW looking at funding available for stream environment and repair/replace hedging- 4 hedges, and looking at idea of tree nursery. HY suggested churchyard- copper beech area needs replanning-shrub canopy for seating area. Cyclamen being dug up- likely animal activity. (wildlife camera useful). A Snelling Day -useful to have local Biodiversity Audit to use as exemplar. Potential for annex to NP (KR) and for use for planning applications(area relevance).

4. Gazette- Swish article submitted 16th May & request to be added to groups page- has been done. Wait to see if we get any responses- need approx. 20 people interested to do this again.
5. Millbridge Meadows events May 2024- feedback (ELG & JY) Birds of Prey and picnic went well and well attended, lovely exhibition- JE working with ELG and GW to produce photobook of the event. For the library. Nature trail- over 150 children participated- tags on trees well received, prizes on order and will be taken to school/posted when received. JE- 5/6 events rather than 10 original concept- agreed excellent job-JE- workload significant. ELG- birds in hub- in case of bad weather- quite difficult (prior experience). Only nice day in May for picnic- nice events all- Wi -bees talk, and trip to turbine /WT tour arrangement.



6. SCDC Grant application (ZCC)-CAG logo and village show (21-09-24) game (£600) (KR) Result expected in August- will have to determine details of the 'game' and children's activity and get logo and marketing stuff sorted for CAG. Will do this via email/arrange further meeting if needed in August.
7. Game ideas based on Carbon Impact assessment-Gamlingay- thoughts, interactions, voting, prizes, children's activity ? ELG happy to get her girls to come up with large installation fun/silly activity- on cardboard/painting and boxes- possibly use footprints (Cambs Carbon Footprint?). Possibly have straw bales surrounding to demark area- with a climate action theme. Other interactive options are actors/clowns to engage people in theme to take action. KR to email village show committee about children's activity. Need display boards- use ones from MBM display-speak to KL. HY- ask art group on Weds whether want to display painting on climate theme at show- KR to ask on behalf of CAG- visit on Weds. Village show- all on tables not in Marquee- now for competition entry only. Ask Guy Kiddy if can lend some bales of straw? PC to raise issue of applying for grants to VSC.
8. Any other items- Repair Café- new date Sat 2nd November, latest, (ELG)- ELG start preparations by asking if any local volunteer repairers and start asking previous repairers whether they are free. Refill shop- ask Sarah H if she is having a stall at the village show. Discussed community shop idea/storage and issue of shampoo/bottles-soapy stuff corner- HY no room in Almshouse Chapel. HY to send through church rep Ely for forwarding to Great collaboration need someone to coordinate church activities in Cambs, Norfolk/Suffolk/Essex. publicity and promotion (ALL)- see if grant is successful- approach Sarah Callis, Great Collaboration update- regional pilot and website preparation. Moving forward to make lottery grant application. HY to send through church rep Ely for forwarding to Great collaboration need someone to coordinate church activities in Cambs, Norfolk/Suffolk/Essex to KR. Formation of Cambridgeshire Group – moving ahead with website, local forum and information on topics. take the Jump- webpage- ELG-<https://takethejump.org/->.

Group to look at website for ideas.

Next meeting 21st August at 6pm Wednesday- circulate to whole group. Meeting closed 7.10pm

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