



CAG- Minutes- Monday 21st August 2024 at 6.00pm

Venue- Inside 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), Sarah Howe (arrived at item 4)

1. Welcome, introductions and volunteer for chair for this meeting .

HY volunteered to chair the meeting. HY to contact GK to see if can help with the village show/remain involved with CAG.

2. Minutes of the meeting Thursday 20th June and issues arising

2- Churchyard helpers – work in three churchyards fell mainly to three individuals-too much to take on, need more volunteers.

3- Funding for show- SCDC grant was turned down, KR applied for another but likely to not be in time..

7) Covered under agenda item.

HY to provide rep for GC- to KR. KR to email SH. SUMA- vote on for village show? ELG.

3. Biodiversity Audit and Pebble fund -update-ELG

Ongoing with Gwyn Williams- last section- opportunities /recommendation by habitat type. ,Bat/bird boxes on church discussed, possibly hear October. ELG bat surveys identified some protected species- other protected bats identified at Hatley. Pebble Fund ELG and GW applying for funding for stream restoration – Rob Mungovan willing to oversee/provide some guidance – will relay on volunteers to deliver project. -application to be made shortly. Water voles are not present any more due to shade of channel/overgrown banks-river health -Peter to provide details of scheme. -possibly reawaken water quality monitoring.



4. Village Show- CAG game/activity-resolve activity and member attendance on stall-21st September 12-4pm (no funding confirmed)

Agreed to use the hay bales created by HY and NJ/PC- in churchyard for children's activity. Need photos of things CAG has been doing- hedge, orchard pruning, repair café, hay making- KR to print off photos for board for village show. Adult dot voting idea- group reduce choice of options to 12 from over 30 – adults to choose 3 options and stick dots. KR prepare take away paper slip details how to join CAG- to design something. Ideas chosen were

Improving the brook, SUMA/bulk buying, food skills/vegetarian cookery classes, Green Gym, Com veg garden, wildlife gardening support, community energy scheme/energy Advice/thermal imaging camera, Tool Share/library of things, Community tree/hedge /wildflower plant (amount per annum target), Sewing/mending/workshop, Streetlighting- down time/switch off, 1 and lastly Make cycling easier (accessible travel).

Question if you had 5 hours a month to volunteer, what would you commit to?

Each member of the group pick 2 of the above and write a summary of what it is and send to KR to print out. Also please supply photo's showing those activities if you have them (KR to print out).

Kids Activity- Village Show- ELG Wysing Arts- create a community art project out of cardboard- how do you see Gamlingay in the future? Use oil pastels- KR may be able to purchase from ESPO-Draw Gamlingay of the future- large cardboard boxes needed- plain sides for art installation. Construct using bean canes- also have weaving loom frame for ideas to be woven in with fabric- what you would like to see in the future.

Collate and add to plan- photograph art installation before demolishing. Collect and add to action Plan CAG for 2025.

Report back/ article Gazette. Rain- may have to be cancelled.(no gazebo). Any size cardboard boxes needed. ELG to ask KMG. Nicola Kate Emma Show day (KR check with KL) . SH to check availability (KR on leave).

5. St Marys Churchyard- report on maintenance issues, volunteer working and wider themes- HY

3 doing most of work- exhausting- need more volunteers and scythes- satisfying good camaraderie, need two more scyther's – need to be trained. Rakes- can be borrowed from eco Hub garage. KR suggested HY apply for scythe money from GPC October funding round. Patti- may learn to scythe.

Hedge laying- try another event- with less cost as most now trained- few other residents interested- should reduce the cost for year two event.



KR speak to grass cutters about Lower Field cut scheduling. Raking date. Thanks to Nicola and Peter for getting it done.

6. Any other items- Repair Café- date Sat 2nd November, latest, (ELG)- 2nd November- to contact repairers direct as organiser not available. Work on café promotion encourage more people in (vegan cakes, active café). Decided not enough interest in Swish unless KL wants to take it on...KR to discuss. publicity and promotion (ALL- KR draft article on carbon footprint-PC)- suggest article about dot information collection and children's activity to gazette-Oct/November, Great Collaboration update- article and website information-views – link to be sent to SH.

KR to print out large Gamlingay' s Carbon Footprint wheel and how we compare with SCambs and nationally. – display board for village show. Article- share with group after PC meeting.

NJ- reported on NATS - report out next week feedback 11th September.

HY- Ride and Stride Day- stained glass window design competition- for 2nd week in September- good to display in windows of the Eco Hub.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm

Next meeting after village show. Correspond by email in the meantime.

KR

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