



CAG- Minutes – Wednesday 22nd July 2026 at 6pm

-foyer of the Eco Hub

Group members: Hilary Young, Peter Condon, Emma, Livvy and Molly Leaf Grimshaw, Nicola Jenkins, Kirstin Rayner, Kate Laugharne, Mark Fitzpatrick, John Day, Rebecca Beattie, Rebecca Neal (WT) and one MOP. Apologies from Miriam, and Emma Surry.

1. Welcome, appoint Chair- for the meeting -KL
2. Minutes of the meeting Weds 27th May 2026- special NEB follow up – agreed.
3. Update on findings of local actions from NEB- ELG next steps- Emma gathered info from the post it exercise, and produced a list was circulated by email to the group. Next steps individually think about what your priority projects are and advise ELG. (KR to recirculate list). South Cambs. Group- looking at follow ups to NEB showing-ELG to report our process and hope to have a collection larger-scale project/s we could work on collectively as part of S Cambs. Group, as well as our own localised action priorities. No time and no specific project identified for zero carbon fund (deadline Friday).
4. GVP- Climate Action Plan- Becca WT- School actively want to do a plan- RN sat down with interim head and has had two meetings and has drafted a first draft plan. Kitchen garden- unfortunately the volunteer has left /still part of the plan. KR- concern that resources provided by parish council -project stalled. DBDS barrier a real issue- lots of activities conducted by CAG- butterfly/bioblitz/river fly monitoring/hedge laying and planting etc. KR- rooftop solar project not in the plan- understood this was progressing. MF- possibly held up by red tape schools requiring framework nationally for implementation. HY- need for buy in from Governing body- red tape restricting ability to act. KR- literacy training for senior leadership NEB for teachers- support for teachers/providing framework for action within school. CAG willing to help but need specific requests and framework of engagement. RN to report back to school.
5. Events 2026
 - a) Soil health talk- Micky Astor- 14th July- Maddocks Hall, Eco Hub-HY-feedback- very well received – wider network of interest- suggested gathering contact details of attendees in future. Compost club/soils- regenerative farming -relying on natural processes rather than chemical reliance. RN- Groundswell- more on soil improvement/ support. Six inches of soil film also raised as potential future film showing. Access/reduced cost of film may be possible through M Astor.
 - b) Repair Café- report on May café and plans for next one? ELG- 4 now complete- 139 items presented 105 fixed, 27 reparable, 2 clocks made from broken/spare parts, 269kg waste prevented to date. The equivalent of 39 trees planted so far-Next one 21st November- Helena jewellery repairer booked, other repairers to be confirmed in September HY and MLG available. May be Retrofit Hub table at next one or another clothes swap-tbc.
 - c) Wildlife Gardening Support- latest-ELG/MF- 14 applications- Miriam and ELG attending gardens- range of different approaches-wild and traditional-article to follow in the Gazette. HY wants a working party to keep the vicarage garden and pond tidy- until replacement



appointed. ELG looking at producing a leaflet/application for those residents who don't use google forms.

- d) River fly monitoring- report-KL First week every month this is arranged- all good, nothing to report. Possible option to include school? RN to report.
- e) Millbridge Brook works-ELG- finally after 2 years of faff IDB has granted existing permissions to replace riffles and deflectors in locations within the channel. Thanks to Gwyn/ELG/KR getting this sorted- may be a few working party days needed throughout autumn until water level rises. Meeting to discuss has been arranged. Very overgrown/banks need clearing for access. Could also be a project explained to the school.
- f) Scything workgroup-report-PC- Schedule to be circulated- new scythers welcome- visiting St Denis, Hatley tomorrow and next Tuesday 6-7.30pm. Schedule to be circulated to clerk.
- g) Swift Project-report-MF written report- very positive -next Monday swift walk and talk, community foundation feedback needed- forms circulated. 26 boxes put up this year and more swifts- and new call speaker in place. Thanks to church and Almshouse Trustees. Swift mapper- Mark to complete.
- h) Biodiversity Audit- report-ELG – final amends-(Gwyn and Emma) to be adopted by PC in September.
- i) Bioblitz – some residents attended for sessions and data recorded. Butterflies- latest-ELG- undertaking surveys on MBM , Log field- Butterfly mounds- new species and abundance of butterflies this year- forage lower due to higher temperatures but still doing well. Seen lots and more variety i.e. ringlets and purple streak examples. Very positive!
- j) Log Field hedging and trees project (Strategy) Winter 2026- KR application turned down by Woodland Trust- ELG applied to Wind turbine- joint project- planting (log field and laying - Everton) so hopeful funds available to purchase hedgerow plants for this winter.
- k) Village show- CAG table in marquee- ideas and help-ELG – possibly use VS money for game/engagement on Wildlife Gardens at this year's show- share with Swifts and consult on action plan (with PC)
- l) Suggestion of winter talks programme- NJ- Idea series of talks on nature and climate change -local experts through winter months- possibly using Eco Hub as venue. NJ to make some enquiries about this and report back .

m) Parish Council

- i) Emergency planning and links to NEB -KR and ELG to be working on a simple emergency plan to tie into a longer term action plan (biodiversity actions also to be incorporated) Use info from NEB follow up session to feed into this process.
- ii) Great Collaboration film-KR- was not particularly well received at parish council.
- iii) Community Energy- Latest -KR- Energy Local looking for community building sites for roof top solar- School hold up may be due to national policy being rolled out (model legal agreements)(MF) HY suggested Church roof- KR did not refer due to stalling of existing project.

6. **Grants-** record of proposed grant applications for discussion/approval



A421 Fund- Bowls Club- successful and implementation June 2026- completed

Proposals for grant applications 2026- discussion- SCDC ZCC grants £2k-£19k- closing 24th July. Shade in playground- 2 large standard trees-funding applications (LB) No applications to ZCC due to complexity of application/outcomes/limited time available.

Award from Village Show 2025-£150 for Wildlife Gardens project- thanks.

7. **Publicity and promotion-**

- a) Facebook and social media posts -MF- completed spreadsheet for Miriam.
- b) Articles for the Gazette- review and discuss schedule -ideas

September edition- Wild Gardens

October edition-Bioblitz and butterfly count and mound

November edition- Repair Café

December edition- Tree and hedging project- Log Field

January/February - Brook works

- c) Any other items- Talks programme (NJ)- NJ to report back on interest.

- d) Closure of meeting- next meeting Weds 16th September 2026 (tbc)

Meeting closed 7.02pm