



KINGS CAPLE ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Wednesday 17th January 2024 at The Old School, Kings Capse

Present: Cllr Janice Gardiner (Chair), Judy Berry, Ella Gardiner, Fran Keogh, Cllr Jim Petter, Chris Bucknell (Parish Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Pam Apperley, Jake Keogh, Ali Moss-Davies, Sarah Petter
2. **To Agree Minutes of the November Meeting**
It was agreed these were an accurate record of the meeting. All minutes of the Environment Group would be put on the website.
3. **To Consider any Outstanding Issues** – all issues were covered on the agenda
4. **Year One Review Newsletter**
The items to be included in the newsletter had been discussed at the Event Planning meeting on 6th December and Ella had put together the articles that had been submitted so far. The logo had been changed, still retaining the tree but in a different format which it was felt better suited the newsletter. Part of it could also be used to produce stickers which could be given out at events, Ella would look into this. It was agreed both paper and online copies of the newsletter would be required with it ideally being available for the Annual Review Event being held on 17th February. Copies could also be placed in the telephone box and at The Old School.
5. **Updates on Activities/Events Programme**
It was felt there should be at least 3 events confirmed which could go out on a flier.
27th January - Seed Swap
17th February – Annual Review Event
The Review Event could take the form of the Annual Parish Meeting (to be discussed at the Parish Council Meeting). It was discussed whether this would be held during the day or the evening, but it was agreed that a daytime event would attract more people. Refreshments would be provided, the Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council would cover the cost of these.

23rd March – Hedgehog Project Launch

Judy had arranged for this to include a talk by Helen Tyler of Huckleberry Hedgehogs based in Holme Lacy. It was suggested that it could include some kind of colouring competition for children with different age band categories.

27th April (tbd) – Litter Pick

Date tbc - Perrystone Visit

Fran would talk to Mark Wood about the Perrystone visit and a bluebell walk. If this could not take place in April the date could be used for a litter pick which would mean that there was still a 6-month programme.

18th May – Plant Swap

Judy would co-ordinate this.

No Mow May

It was agreed to publicise this before May so that people could take part and then arrange a walk in June as in 2023.

6. Review of Aims and Objectives for 2024

It was suggested that the residents' comments that came out of the initial meeting should be reviewed, and these should be aligned with what had come out of the various events in 2023. People would also be asked at the Annual Review Event if they felt there were any other issues that needed taking forward.

Suggested Events for 2024

Judy spoke about the Gaia Foundation which was a small international organisation which worked worldwide with indigenous people to help them to protect bio-cultural diversity and help the planet. Judy hoped that she would be able to give out information at the seed swap event to encourage people to look into their ancestry and food. Judy suggested buying packets of seeds to give out to residents and she would look at the Gaia website to find information on how to collect and look after seeds.

Cookery Course – using foraged ingredients, mushrooms, squash etc.

Cream Tea – this was suggested for one of the events

7. Any Other Issues or Comments

Environmental Group Budget 2023/24 – The Clerk asked if there were any ideas of what the remaining 2023/24 budget could be spent on. It was suggested that a small plastic greenhouse may be of use to the school, and this would be looked into.

8. Agreed Report to Parish Council with any Required Decisions

Cllr Gardiner and Cllr Petter would put together a report to be given at the Parish Council meeting on 25th January.

9. Date and Time of Next Environment Meeting

Wednesday 20th March 2024