



KINGS CAPLE ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Thursday 12th September 2024 at The Old School, Kings Caple

Present: Cllr Janice Gardiner (Chair), Judy Berry, Jill Fisher, Ella Gardiner and Chris Bucknell (Parish Clerk).

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Pam Apperley, Tom Deards, Fran Keogh and Sarah Petter

2. **To Agree Minutes of the July 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 outstanding issues were covered on the agenda

4. **Update on Activities/Events Programme**

The Kombucha workshop had been well attended and the donations received were used to cover the cost of refreshments and a donation to the Steiner School as requested by Daniel who ran the workshop.

Ishara De Silva had run an event which had raised £407 in donations, £200 being donated to the Environment Group and £207 to the Church. The group thanked her in her absence.

The re-seeding of the meadow and alongside Sellack Bridge had taken place earlier in the day. Because of the late notice it had not been so well attended from those by the village but there were people from other groups.

Autumn 2024 Programme (exact topics and dates to be confirmed)

The following were suggested

Wildlife from a Vet's Point of View - Possibly October. This would be confirmed following discussion with Fran Keogh and Elliot from Vets4Pets.

Soil / Food / Fork – Thursday 14th November at 7.00pm

A discussion around food and health, how things are grown and how nutrients from the soil are passed on from the plant to the people who eat them. Nibbles to be provided.

Wreath Making Workshop – 7th December. This would be a family event with activities for children as well as adults. There would be mulled wine and mince pies provided. Jill Fisher to arrange.

These dates would be confirmed asap so that a newsletter could be put together and distributed in early autumn.

2025 Programme

The following were suggested

Community Mental Health with Simon Lenanne, author of 'Creating Community Health: Interventions for Sustainable Healthcare'. Judy Berry to follow this up.

Workshop on Soil Testing

Seedswap - February

Compost – how to make it and how to use it. It was also suggested that a pallet of compost could be purchased as a community activity and then distributed to those who wanted it.

Farming and Agricultural Talks, How to Keep Your Plants Alive – Tom Deards

Foraging Walk – Cllr Apperley to follow up with Poulson Court.

The 2025 timetable would be reviewed at the November meeting. It was agreed that the 'New Year New Start' Programme should begin in March

Annual Review

The aims and objectives of the Environment Group were discussed. It was felt its prime objective was to build up resilience, knowledge and communications with others and its activities should be badged around that, making sure things can be done collectively. It was felt this could be discussed with those attending the Autumn sessions.

Communication with Residents

This was discussed with reference to whether communication should be through social media (eg Facebook) or through other channels. Currently there was a page on the Parish Council website dedicated to the Environment Group and development of this was discussed together with the potential for the group to have its own website. This would be looked into further.

Any Other Issues or Comments

Wildlife Camera - this was not yet fully operational, and would be looked into further. Ella would produce a camera log.

Food Co-operative – this was discussed at the July meeting and was still an option to be followed up.

Community Recipe Book – people could submit their recipes at the various events, linking them to topics such as foraging, jams, bottling etc. These would then be compiled into a recipe book and published sometime in late 2025.

Terms of Reference - The Clerk to produce a draft based around the Archenfield Environment Model.

Publicity - Ella would produce a flier to publicise forthcoming events.

5. Agreed Report to Parish Council with any Required Decisions

The next Parish Council meeting would be on Thursday 26th September and Cllr Gardiner would give a brief update.

6. Date and Time of Next Environment Meeting

Wednesday 20th November at 7.00 pm in The Old School. This meeting would focus on planning for 2025.