



Minutes of the GHGW meeting held on Monday 7th April at 7.00 p.m. at The Methodist Church.

Present: Jo Hazlewood (JH), Mel Holmes (MH), Simon Hooton (SH), Sarah Peck (SP).

Apologies: John Ambrose (JA), Rob Collett (RC), Maggie Good (MG), Christine Holmes (CH), Gerald Laws (GL), Matthew Shenton (MS), Kathy Smith (KS), Suanne Steer (SS)

- 1. Matters/Actions** arising from the previous meetings not included in Agenda:
Annual Parish Meeting: ask JA if the projector might be available to show some photos. JH will re-print the updated list of what GHGW has done so far and have some copies available at the APM and at the Fete.
- 2. Dates for visit to Shotley Community Orchard:** JH has contacted the organiser at Shotley for some suitable dates towards the end of May. It was agreed that a Saturday would probably be the most suitable day.
- 3. Storytelling project:** the grant from National Landscapes had been received and the corresponding expenditure paid; The stories were now online to be downloaded. £100 grant has been promised to cover the cost of postage to circulate the flyers. SH said there may be another event later in the year as part of the project. SH is participating in Transition Woodbridge. He mentioned that there is also a Youth Climate Change event on 5th July. The Academy had been in touch and have asked SH to do something for climate change in the summer term to year 7 pupils. There will be 4 different groups. The Academy have said they would like to link back into the community. SH suggested that the students could draw up a plan for the future as part of the project to be presented in the community. SP said that the RHS has a highly effective Green group and it would be good to link up with them in the future.. SH was hoping that he could do some storytelling at a high profile event, such as Southwold Pier, Aldeburgh Food & Drink Festival, Sutton Hoo which would attract some good publicity and reach a wider audience.
- 4. Litter picking** – review of litter pick on 5th April: 5 people took part and covered Fishponds Lane, Hyams Lane, Hales Wood and the road to Woodlands and collected several bags of litter.

5. **Nature Walk/ Dawn Chorus:** arrangements have now been confirmed for listening to the dawn chorus on Sat 3rd May – meeting at 5.a.m. Plans are also in place for the proposed Nature Walk on 21st June (Suffolk Day) - time to be confirmed
6. **Village Fete:** 31st May;
 - A5 copies of the annual survey will be available, plus a couple of A4 copies in larger print.. All completed surveys will be collected and one will be randomly selected for a prize, which JA has agreed to supply.
 - Logs for seating at the Fete -Mel has some logs and could possibly get some more. May need some scatter cushions or bean bags for the storytelling.
 - Green tombola – swift box, voucher from Shotley Vineyard for a voucher, local apple juice, funds raised to go towards a green project which needs to be identified in advance – members asked to produce ideas.
 - Vegan/vegetarian wraps: JH and MH will organise. SH will lend his crimpit. It was thought that a dozen wraps would be sufficient.
 - Storytelling space – hopefully a quiet spot in a gazebo can be set up for reading some of SH’s stories. SP suggested trying to organise time slots with the Fete Committee so that sessions will not clash with the Band or the hobby horse competition. Time(s) could be advertised at the GHGW stall.
7. **Peninsula Greener Network event:** a possible event for next year - consult with Parish Council Alliance to see if other parishes were interested in participating.
8. **Updates (if any) on:**
 - Eco Church- CH & MH had carried out some tidying in the churchyard and found a female lizard. MH said there was a thriving hellebore plant
 - Swift Boxes at the Methodist Chapel: the go ahead has been given for the swift boxes to be installed
 - EV Charging Point: a work in progress.
 - Bike project for publicity – GHGW now has two bikes. MS is going to put blackboard paint on the boards and they will be cable tied onto the bikes. Lots of options were discussed of where to put the bikes. Some will need the permission of the land/property owners.
 - Water testing needs a coordinator – JH is still pursuing other organisations to seek how they have managed this in the past. It was agreed to advertise this opportunity to get involved at the Fete.
 - Liaison with Stutton PC – JH will email the clerk again to see if there is any follow-up..
9. **Any other business/ideas:** .Thursday 24th April zoom meeting the “Great Collaboration” – email circulated.. SH has all the necessary deciduous logs to provide a Stag Beetle stumpery at the Reade Field – JH will put this on

the agenda for the PC meeting to try and get confirmation from the PC. The proposal was for 2 pits of 75 cm diameter and 50 cms deep. The posts would slightly protrude from the pits. If agreed by the PC, GHGW would organise a work party for this and also to finish off the Hapenny Field stage beetle project..

10. Next Meeting: 7.00 p.m. 12th May at the Methodist Church.