



Minutes of the meeting of GHGW will be held on Monday 10th June at 7.00 p.m. at The Methodist Church.

Present: Rob Collett (RC), Maggie Good (MG), Gerald Laws (GL), Sarah Peck (SP), Brian Wales (BW), Simon Hooton (SH), Jo Hazlewood (JH) Kath Smith (KS)

Apologies: Edward Fleming (EF), Christine Holmes (CH), Mel Holmes (MH) and Andrew King (AK)

1. Matters/Actions arising from the previous meetings not included in Agenda: none

2. Annual Fete: what went well? What could we do better next time? A brief discussion took place on how it went from the GHGW point of view. The activities were popular with children and parents often engaged in conversations whilst their children were participating, particularly with the bug roll. It was agreed the display was good. Little interaction between Babergh and GHGW, but apparently Babergh were pleased with the outcome of their visit. It was agreed that the footfall to the stand was not great and we may need to think how to draw people in another year. A possible children's competition, with displays of children's work? There was a small amount of pledges this year, but we could be more proactive in future to encourage people to participate.

3. Progress on EV Charging point: nothing new to report: there is an article in the Parish Papers inviting responses from residents. In response to a query, it was confirmed that the provision and Installation of an EV Charging Point will be funded by SCC. There are various practicalities to investigate and iron out before anything is decided. MG pointed out that some people had expressed disenchantment with electric vehicles due to cost, battery life, etc.. SH believed that there was some misinformation on various aspects of electric vehicles and it was agreed we could research and publish some top tips in the future to help inform.

4. Updates on:

- Annual Survey – now live online - needs promoting
- Eco Church – RC reported this is going well – he had lined the composting; some flowers had been planted and he invited members to join the next working party
- Water Testing – KS has provided a bar chart which JH will circulate to the group. If we can get additional funding to carry on testing beyond October, it was agreed the results may be helpful for lobbying for

improvements. It was agreed to pursue grant funding to continue to collect statistics. It could be helpful to meet with the Manningtree group and JH will pursue this. Many thanks to KS and EF for their coordination of this project.

- Eco frenzy talk promoted by Holbrook Society in association with GHGW – Friday 11th October at the Village Hall at 7.30 – the event is being sponsored and will be free to attend. Will need to get publicity out and something in the Parish Papers for the August/September edition. GHGW to help with publicising.

5, Simon Hooton – storytelling project. SH is developing some stories about climate change for children. He is now looking at developing videos, at the suggestion of National Landscapes and has put in a funding application to NL. Hopefully, if all goes according to plan, the project could be launched in 2025. The funding will be processed through the Parish Council. SCC Climate Change partnership may meet any shortfall in funding. GHGW to provide feedback and to source and encourage people to take some good photographs. To get some other feedback, SH was planning a possible storytelling session on the Reade Field in the summer holidays with refreshments – stories will be targeted at KS2 and KS3. Other suggestions for feedback were contacting schools and possibly scouts/brownies to offer a storytelling session. It was agreed that GHGW would be delighted to be the umbrella organisation for this project.

5. Any Other Business/ideas: information had been circulated about a stag beetle workshop, 21st June organised by Suffolk Wildlife Trust – Suzanne Steer and SP would like to attend. JH to pursue. This led onto the discussion about the Hapenny Drive biodiversity area which had been highlighted in an article in the Parish Papers. As well as concerns from residents about the state of the area, there were concerns from other residents about its preservation. JH explained that a visit from Richard Parmee from Babergh DC was awaited. The community self-help group had offered to help maintain the area but were waiting for this visit from Public Realm. SH asked if some members of the GHGW group might be happy to volunteer to help care for the area, to ensure it is preserved, but kept under control. JH will feed back any developments with Public Realm.

SH has created plans to enable stag beetle stumperies to be created at suitable areas around the village or in people's gardens. He showed a picture of a recently created stumperie and with the provision of some deciduous timber, this could be quite simply replicated. With this in mind SH was happy to lead a Community Walk on 2nd July at 8.30 p.m. to look for stag beetles and swifts. He has created a poster and members could help publicise. The group thanked SH for these initiatives.

6. Next Meeting: 8th July at the Methodist Church 7 pm.

NB: No August Meeting.