



Minutes of the meeting of GHGW held on Monday 14th October at 7.00 p.m. at The Methodist Church.

In Attendance: Rob Collett (RC) Jo Hazlewood (JH), Christine Holmes (CH), Mel Holmes (MH), Matthew Shenton (MS), Kath Smith (KS)

Apologies: John Ambrose (JA), Maggie Good (MG), Simon Hooton (SH), Andrew King (AK), Gerald Laws (GL), Suzanne Steer(SS)

1. **Matters/Actions** arising from the previous meetings not included in Agenda: n no items
2. **Storytelling project:** SH managed to do three climate stories to Year 4 at Holbrook primary which was good practice and learning. Other schools have not come back but probably time to fit in another session if they did. The videoing of the stories should take place at half-term and the video maker has some great ideas for a green screen background and child friendly animation. Will be starting to think about video promotion from November
- 3 **Water testing** – last samples were collected this weekend – new coordinator needed and new testers. KS happy to carry on testing at Harkstead and Lower Holbrook but does not want to continue coordinating. Many thanks to Kath for doing this over the past year. JH will write to other councils to see if volunteers will come forward.
4. **Eco-frenzy talk** – review: it was agreed to be an interesting talk, although there were only a few new people. A brief discussion about how to create more interest/participation: suggestions were to get an article in a local paper; some publicity on Radio Suffolk about GHGW, combine more effectively with other local parishes.
5. **Green Arts Festival:** following the discussion above, this needs promotion – It starts on 15th November with the film “Wilding” and then 22nd November a Listening walk; MS will look at creating a page to enhance the social media platform. MH will write a press release which can then go to various places, such as Radio Suffolk. Following a discussion it was agreed to use a bike (possibly painted green) for publicity which could move from place to place. JH will provide the bike and there will be a working party to convert it. KS probably has green paint. MS to get together with SH. Friday 11.30 a.m.

6. **Stag Beetle Refuge:** JH to liaise with JA about the protective ring discussed in a previous meeting for the site at Hapenny Field
7. **Feedback from article in PPs about allotments:** 5 people have responded to say they would be interested in having an allotment and have specified their ideal requirements. A Community Orchard has also received some support. There had been some interest in planting fruit trees in the cul-de-sac at Clifton Wood previously. JH to follow this up.
8. **Updates on:**
 - Eco Church: RC participated in Open the Book at Holbrook Primary, where they talked about eco issues. St. Peter's at Stutton has just achieved a silver award. There is change coming in the requirements for awards. The Methodist Church currently has bronze. Swift boxes will be put up soon. RC suggested that John Roper from RFC Services might put up swift boxes once available.
 - EV Charging Point – no news of progress available - defer until the next meeting.
9. **Litter Pick:** JH will look at tides, circulate some possible dates, and also contact Harkstead PC to see if they would be interested in taking part.
10. **Next Meeting: 11th November 2024 at 7.00 p.m. at the Methodist Church**