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| **Greening Chiddingly Meeting** **Wednesday 29 June 2022** **Six Bells, Chiddingly****Notes**  |

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| **Attendees** |
| David Nash (Chair) | Mark Valleley (Secretary)  |  Emily Ticehurst |
| Frankie Hornby | Sheryl Renninson | Noel Hardy (part) |
| Helen Denning | Tina Letanka | Stuart Hall |
| Sue McHale | Peter Gunner | Dylan Walker |
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| **Apologies** |
| Mike Goss | Winnow Hardy |  |
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| **Item** | **Action** |
| 1. **Welcome and notes from the previous meeting**
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| * 1. David Nash welcomed everybody to the meeting, especially Sue as it was her first meeting.
	2. Actions from last meeting reviewed. Majority to be dealt with under items on the agenda.
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| 1. **Report back on Village Fete**
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| * 1. Dave thanked Frankie and Emily for their efforts in getting the stall and the children’s activities together (a sensory guessing game and a recycling shoot out game)
	2. A large map was available on the stall for people to mark up existing eco/green activity that they were aware of in the village. Dave will convert this into an google map to mount on the website
	3. Village fete was well attended and general agreement that the stall had been a success and generated considerable interest
 | **DN** |
| 1. **Website development**
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| * 1. Website up and running
	2. Dave still awaiting Sheryl’s text on ‘Think about where you invest’ page
	3. Page not appearing in Google Search. Background tweaks needed to fix this. Dave has asked Stuart to sort this out.
	4. Mike has emailed through a blog about his experiences in trying to go green which Dave will load onto website.
	5. Helen volunteered to do a blog but wanted to see format of Mike’s before writing it. Dave to email Helen example of Mike’s blog post.
 | **SR****SH****DN/HD**  |
| 1. **Green weekend**
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| * 1. Flyer distribution
		1. Dave thanked everybody for distributing the leaflets
		2. Only area left to distribute was Whitesmith, which Noel Hardy would complete by the end of the month
		3. Dave had received a complaint via email about a ‘Green’ group distributing paper flyers. He had replied that the group had thought about it long and hard and that – although the person complaining had learned about the event from social media – it was not possible to reach everybody that way or via the Parish News
	2. Jumble Trail
		1. Six stalls had been registered via website so far
		2. Now time to ramp up social media activity on Facebook, Twitter and Next door in advance of deadline for registering stalls (15 July)
		3. Dave had produced A4 poster to advertise Green weekend. Group members agreed to distribute posters as follows:
* Village Hall – Sue
* East Hoathly Shop – Sue
* Hale Farm Camp Site – Tina
* Merrylands Campsite – Tina
* Pekes – Emily
* Village School – Emily
* Laughton Village Shop – Emily
* Dicker Village Shop – Emily
* Ripe Village Shop – Helen
* Horam Community Shop – Helen
* Muddles Green Notice Board – Dylan
	1. Eco Houses/ Locations

 * + 1. Venues so far: Sheryl’s House, Noels House, Tina’s Garden,
		2. Village Shop – Sue the Manager – Local Food supply
		3. Sheryl to chase Jonathan and Isabella as another possible location
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| 1. **Tour de Chiddingly – Cycle Event**
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| * 1. Mark explained that a planning meeting with Mike Goss and Will Rennison that was due to take place on 22 June had had to be cancelled due to impact of the recent train strike. The meeting would be rescheduled before the next meeting of this group at the end of July.
 | **MV** |
| 1. **Future Farming**
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| * 1. Sally had chaired a meeting of 22 local farmers and smallholders at the Gun Brewery to discuss the new Environmental Land Management Scheme (ELMS) brought in by the UK government as a replacement for EU subsidies to farmers for land management activity.
	2. Several members of the group were in attendance with Lucy, Helen and Sheryl participating. Dave mentioned the work of the Group.
	3. There was general enthusiasm for farmers to work collectively to maximise opportunities to secure ELMS funding and coordinate environmental activity.
	4. Farms and smallholders covering almost the entire area from the A22 up to north of Stonehill were present
	5. A further meeting is to take place on 1 August.
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| 1. **Formalising the status of the group**
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| * 1. **Bank account** – discussion about use of Wave Credit Union based in Hove. Green investment credentials, only loan at local level, online banking available. Dave and Sheryl to investigate further
	2. **Constitution** - outstanding action on Mike who had agreed to supply a copy of the constitution for the Community Land Trust and the Plunkett Model Rules for the Village Shop. Greening Steyning constitution could also be used as a reference point.
	3. Potential need for other policies – Equality and Diversity, Safeguarding – were discussed. It was agreed that we should move on an Equality policy first
 | **DN/SR****MG****DN** |
| 1. **Winter/Spring event ideas**
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| * 1. General discussion about potential events:
		1. Dylan and Frankie to invite group member to a screening of recently released film about taking local action. Invite to be circulated by WhatsApp/email.
		2. Consider joining Transition Movement <https://transitionnetwork.org/>. Opportunity to use their training activities and approach to galvanise local activity and facilitate discussion between neighbours about addressing global issues through local action
		3. Speaker events over winter/spring – Dylan and Dave to meet to discuss potential ideas for speakers. Could be held at Village Hall or other venue free to use (Gun Brewery Tap room?) with small entry fee £2-3.
		4. Potential to join up with other groups in the village for joint activities – Spring Seed Swap with Horticultural Society? Emily to investigate
		5. Opportunities for awards – to galvanise people into action. RHS Wild Village Award.
 | **DW****DW/DN****ET** |
| 1. **Communications Update**
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| * 1. General discussion about possibility of producing a quarterly newsletter that would be made available on the website and emailed out to contacts. A contact database would need to be developed with those visiting the website being asked if they would like to join a mailing list and those registering for events being asked for their permission to join a mailing list. Sheryl suggested that period email news might be easier in the first instance.
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| 1. **A.O.B.**
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| * 1. **Date and time of next meeting: 19.30, Tuesday 26 July 2022 – Village Shop, Muddles Green - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE**
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