

Greening Chiddingly Meeting
Tuesday, 30 August 2022
Village Shop, Muddles Green

Notes

Attendees

David Nash (Chair)	Mark Valleley (Secretary)	Tina Letanka
Peter Gunner	Sheryl Rennison	Gail Giles
Sally Ashby	Helen Denning	Maggie Barrett
Sean Keegan	Jules McHale	Sue McHale

Apologies

Frankie Hornby	Dylan Walker	Mike Goss
Noel Hardy	Cat Wood-Evans	Emily Ticehurst
Lucie Carnagan-Holt		

Item	Action
1. Welcome and notes from the previous meeting	
1.1 David Nash welcomed everybody to the meeting	
1.2 Actions from last meeting were reviewed.	
1.2.1 Dave to create digital copy of map from village fete showing existing green activity in the village – work in progress	DN
1.2.2 Sheryl to submit text for 'Think about where you invest' text for website page	SR

2. Feedback on Green Weekend – 20 August 2022	
2.1 Event was a success with a total of 28 Jumble Trail stall holders on the day and eight Eco Open Houses.	
2.2 Eco Houses in the village had good footfall (10 -15 visitors) but those further afield attracting fewer visitors. The two Stonehill Eco Houses only attracted five and two visitors each.	DN
2.3 View that event needed to be set up more as a trail to encourage people to walk between the stalls. Many had driven. Idea of staggering 'opening times' times for stalls in different locations to encourage people to walk between stalls and enable stall holders to visit each other's stalls (although concern was expressed that this would be difficult to coordinate).	ALL
2.4 Idea that there should be a board showing a map of all the stall locations (at the village shop) to encourage people to walk between stalls.	DN
2.5 Feedback suggested stall holders made between £20 and £200. Charge per stall was £2 but total income from stall holders including donations was £101. Suggestion that charge per stall should be upped to £5 next year.	

<p>2.6 Suggestion that stalls should all be located in one area of the village, although this would make it more like a traditional car boot sale.</p> <p>2.7 Feedback suggesting most people had learned about event though Facebook and Parish News.</p> <p>2.8 Most stall holders said they would do it again next year.</p> <p>2.9 British Heart Foundation collection of left-over items from Sheryl's house was important part of set up. BHF didn't take all items, with Sheryl and Will having to distribute some left-over items to charity shops in Hailsham.</p> <p>2.10 Event to be run again in 2023 at same time of year. Task and Finish Group to be set up in April 2023 to oversee next years event.</p>	
<p>3. Future Farming</p>	
<p>3.1 Sally gave an update on the Future Farming initiative.</p> <p>3.2 Two meetings had now taken place in June and August. The first meeting in June was attended by 30 people (including 25 local landowners) and the second meeting August by 20 people (including 15 landowners).</p> <p>3.3 The area covered by the landowners was estimated to cover 2000 acres.</p> <p>3.4 Talks at second meeting from South East Water (Tom Abbott) and Dean Morrison, Project Officer at Sussex Flow, on natural flood management.</p> <p>3.5 There are 3 new DEFRA schemes that will reward environmental land management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Farming Incentive (smallest) • Local Nature Recovery • Landscape Recovery (largest) <p>3.6 Through these schemes, farmers and other land managers may enter into agreements to be paid for delivering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clean and plentiful water • clean air • thriving plants and wildlife • protection from environmental hazards • reduction of and adaptation to climate change • beauty, heritage and engagement with the environment <p>More info here: environmental-land-management-schemes-overview</p> <p>3.7 Aim of bringing landowners together is to help them to navigate through these initiatives. Greater amount of funding available for landscape recovery scheme but will require landowners to cooperate with one another. Could aim for this in two years but progress through other two stages in shorter term. 500-hectare area needed to qualify for Landscape Recovery scheme.</p> <p>3.8 Possibility of a Barn Owl Corridor to ensure Future Farming initiative is of interest to public.</p> <p>3.9 Possibility of student dissertations to help move Future Farming work forward, possibly including carbon assessment. Sally to talk to Dave.</p> <p>3.10 Next meeting to take place in October with a view to planning out activity and going public with the initiative in the Spring. Set up Task and Finish Group to decide how to take initiative forward. Members to be Sally, Gail, Lucy, Helen & Sheryl.</p> <p>3.11 Add page to Greening Chiddingly website on Future Farming. Sally to liaise with Dave on this.</p>	<p>SA</p> <p>SA, GG, LCH, HD, SR</p> <p>SA</p>

4. Tour de Chiddingly Cycle Event – Sat 17 September 2022	
<p>4.1 Mark reported that everything in place for the cycle event on 17 September.</p> <p>4.2 Final planning meeting had taken place on 22 August.</p> <p>4.3 Event registered with Cycling UK, which means public liability insurance now in place. Risk Assessment complete. Direction signs to be put up on 16 September.</p> <p>4.4 Dave had created digital flyer for the event that can be circulated for promotion. Everyone asked to like share and repost.</p> <p>4.5 A3 boards advertising the event to be place at key locations around village.</p> <p>4.6 Sheryl, Tina and Sean agreed to help out on the day with registration</p>	
5. Parish Council Grants Scheme	
<p>5.1 Mark reported that email received from Parish Council inviting applications from community groups for a grant from the Parish Council.</p> <p>5.2 The applications have to be submitted by 30 September and will be considered at the October meeting of the Parish Council. The grant will relate to the 2023/2024 financial year (i.e. April 2023 to March 2024).</p> <p>5.3 Agreed that Mark and Dave will work on an application that will be circulated prior to the next meeting on 29 September for submission by the deadline on the following day.</p>	MV/DN
6. Constitution	
<p>6.1 Draft constitution and an equality, diversity and inclusion policy for the group, which had been circulated, were both ratified.</p>	
7. Future Activities for the Group	
<p>7.1 Possibility of a joint event with Horticultural Society on gardening for biodiversity or a seed swap. Dave to contact Horticultural Society.</p> <p>7.2 Possibility of visit from Energise Sussex Coast to provide advice to residents on reducing cost of energy use in their homes. Mobile vehicle available to visit villages. Could set up event at village shop. Dave to contact Energise Sussex Coast.</p>	DN DN
8. A.O.B.	
<p>8.1 <u>Date and time of next meeting:</u> 19.30, Thursday 29 September 2022 – Village Shop, Muddles Green</p>	