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| **Greening Chiddingly Meeting** **Tuesday, 29 November 2022** **Village Shop, Muddles Green****Notes**  |

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| **Attendees** |
|  | David Nash (Chair) | Mark Valleley (Secretary)  | Tina Letanka |
|  | Noel Hardy | Helen Denning  | Sheryl Rennison |
|  | Sue McHale | Mike Goss |  |
|  | **Apologies** |
|  | Peter Gunner | Sally Ashby | Gail Giles |
|  | Lucie Carnagan-Holt  | Cat Wood-Evans | Emily Ticehurst |
|  | 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.
	2. Actions carried forward from last meeting were reviewed.
		1. Dave to create digital copy of map from village fete showing existing green activity in the village. Ongoing.
		2. Sheryl to submit text for ‘Think about where you invest’ text for website. Ongoing.
		3. Sally to write text for Future Farming section of Website, Ongoing.
		4. On liaison with Horticultural Society – Dave met Dave Goodwin, who was receptive to idea of joint activities. Receptive to idea of a seed swap and joint talks but will put to their meeting in December. Awaiting outcome of December meeting. Ongoing.
		5. Dave Goulson unavailable for joint evening talk with Horticultural Society.
		6. Dave has been given the contact details for an alternative local energy group, Community Energy South (<https://www.communityenergysouth.org/>).
 | **DN****SR****SA****DN** |
| 1. **Setting up a Bank Account**
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| * 1. The notesof the October meeting had been updated after they had been circulated, as not all information relating to the decision making on the bank account had been included. Item 2 on the version on the website now includes the following:

“*The meeting resolved that:**a) The group wish to open an account with Wave Community Bank and in doing so agree to abide by the social object, rules, policies, and procedures of Wave Community Bank.**b) The individuals representing the group (Mark and Sheryl) will supply all required personal details and agree to provide identification documentation according to the requirements of Wave Community Bank.**c) Wave Community Bank will rely on the appointed representatives unless it receives written confirmation of changes to representatives*.*d) The Secretary will provide Wave Community Bank with the appropriate documents about the group (i.e. a copy of the constitution).* 2.2 Mark and Shery to arrange to go to Hove to set up Wave bank account. | **MV/SR** |
| 1. **Update on Parish Council grant application**
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| * 1. The Parish Council had awarded a grant of £400 for 2023-24 against the £476 that had been applied for. Funds to be available in April. Mark and Dave to review the budget.
 | **MV/DN** |
| 1. **Future Farming Update**
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| * 1. Next meeting to take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6 December at the Tap Room, Gun Brewery.
	2. Main item for discussion is potential application for grant funding from the Sussex Lund Fund [www.lundtrust.org.uk/sussex-lund/](http://www.lundtrust.org.uk/sussex-lund/). This is a grant programme funded by Lisbet Rausing and Peter Baldwin.It supports small-scale, practical projects that improve the landscape of the High Weald AONB and the hamlets, villages and towns on its fringes. It also supports projects that help people to experience the landscape and build connections to it. Grants of up to £10,000 available. Christine Meadows of High Weald Organisation has recommended that an expression of interest be submitted. Worth pursuing this whilst awaiting an update on the Government’s Environmental Land Management Scheme (ELMS) that will reward environmental land management.
	3. Match funding could be available from South East Water.
	4. A focus for the meeting on 6 December will be to identify a core project that local landowners could sign up to and that could form the basis of the application. Various options have been discussed previously include a barn owl project and leaky dam water catchment restoration project.
	5. Possibility of student projects through Dave’s contacts at the University of Brighton to be explored. Dave and Sally to explore this further. Key dimension of this could be to gather baseline data on current conditions in the river catchment area.
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| 1. **Future activities and events**
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| * 1. Green Weekend – 1 July 2023 identified as a potential date that avoids other events in the village in June. Uncertainty over whether Scarecrow Event running in 2023 – this would be a useful to coordinate the Green weekend with. Tony Whuel may know more. Tina to contact Tony.
	2. Tour de Chiddingly to run on 17 September 2023.
	3. Joint events with Horticultural Society – as recorded in actions from last meeting, awaiting outcome of December Horticultural Society meeting to see if they were supportive of joint talk and seed swap event. Dave to speak to Dave Goodwin to get an update.
	4. School colouring competition to help design a group logo. Tina had spoken to Tony Mills, a local artist, who confirmed he was happy to judge the competition entries. Mark to speak to Cat about taking forward the colouring competition.
	5. As reported in actions from last meeting, not possible for Energise South Coast to bring mobile vehicle to village. Alternative organisation is Community Energy South based in Lewes.
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| 1. **A.O.B.**
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| * 1. Possibility of Social Event after January meeting (P.M.N.- alternative date to be identified).
	2. **Date and time of next meeting: 19.30, Thursday 23 February 2023 – Village Shop, Muddles Green. Note that this will also be the first Annual General Meeting.**
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