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| **Greening Chiddingly Meeting** **Tuesday, 24 January 2023****Village Shop, Muddles Green****Notes**  |

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| **Attendees** |  |  |
| David Nash (Chair) | Mark Valleley (Secretary)  | Tina Letanka |
| Noel Hardy | Helen Denning  | Peter Gunner |
| Sue McHale | Mike Goss | Leycester Whewell |
| **Apologies** |
| Lucie Carnagan-Holt | Sally Ashby | Gail Giles |
| Cat Wood-Evans | Sheryl Rennison |  |
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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 – Main agenda item see below
		5. Mark and Sheryl to arrange a date to go to Hove to set up bank account at Wave Community Bank. Ongoing.
		6. Parish Council had awarded grant to the group of £400 against the £476 that had been applied for. Dave and Mark to revise the budget - item on the main agenda.
		7. School colouring competition to help design a logo for the group. Mark to liaise with Cat to move this forward - item on the main agenda.
 | **DN****SR****SA****MV/SR** |
| 1. **Budget Planning 2023/24**
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| * 1. The Parish Council had awarded a grant of £400 to the Group against the £476 that was applied for. The grant will be paid in April 2023. Given that the grant was less than the amount applied for Dave and Mark had reviewed and revised the budget for 2023. A paper was circulated with the agenda for the meeting showing the revised budget, which was discussed and agreed.
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| 1. **Joint event with horticultural society**
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| * 1. Dave had been sent a list of potential speakers by Dave Goodwin who chairs the Horticultural Society. Four potential talks were identified from the list that had crossover appeal with the aims of the group:
* Helping bees
* An allotment year
* Plot to plate
* Live simply so that others can simply live

3.2 Group agreed that Graham Ellis should be approached about a talk on bees. Dave to follow up with Dave Goodwin. | **DN** |
| 1. **Future Farming update**
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| * 1. Helen fed back on the meeting that had taken place on Tuesday 6 December at the Tap Room, Gun Brewery. A number of landowners present along with representatives from Sussex Wildlife Trust and South East Water.
	2. Main item discussed was the 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 supporting small-scale, practical projects that improve the landscape of the High Weald AONB and the hamlets, villages and towns on its fringes. Grants of up to £10,000 available. First stage would be to submit an expression of interest. Meeting with Christine Meadows from High Weald taking place on Thursday 26 January to start work on expression of interest.
	3. Other item discussed at meeting on 6 December was core project proposal for the Future Farming initiative. A flood management/leaky dam project was discussed for local river catchment area. Once this was established then other projects could be initiated such as barn owls, bees and others covering homeowners gardens.
	4. Environmental Land Management Scheme (ELMS). Government had recently made an announcement about the scope of this programme, but it was felt better to start with Lund grant application to seed a subsequent ELMS bid.
	5. Possibility of student projects through Dave’s contacts at the University of Brighton still under discussion. These could be aimed at providing baseline data on current conditions in the catchment e.g. water based invertebrate survey.
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| 1. **School colouring competition**
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| * 1. Mark had had a discussion with Cat about the scope of a school colouring competition to help design a logo for the group.
	2. As reported at previous meeting, Tina had spoken to Tony Mills, a local artist, who had agreed to judge the competition.
	3. Various aspects of the design were discussed but it was felt that not too many constraints should be specified on the entry form given to the pupils.
	4. The entry form would consist of a two-sided A4 sheet with some context about the group and things to think about when designing the logo on one side, with a circular space on the reverse side in which the logo design would be drawn. Mark to produce an initial draft of the entry form that Cat would then refine. A final version is to be brought to the next meeting for the group to agree.
	5. Entry forms would be issued by the school. Potential timeline would be to run the competition over a three-week period in March in the run up to the Easter break. A budget of £50 had been identified for prizes. Prizes for best entries in each year group with certificates for all those who participate. Sue to consider potential prizes for discussion at next meeting. Further discussion on competition at February meeting.
 | **MV/CWE****SMcH** |
| 1. **A.O.B.**
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| * 1. The next meeting in February will be the first Annual General Meeting. Constitution requires 14 days’ notice to be given of meeting. Main business would be to receive a report from the Chair on the group’s activities over the year, and elect Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Anyone wishing to stand for any of these roles would be required to give notice in writing to Mark as the current Secretary, seven days before the AGM.
	2. Discussion about potholes and their impact on cyclists including those participating in the Tour de Chiddingly event. Leycester suggested a letter should be written to the Council about this. Mike agreed to circulate details of the County Councillor whose Ward includes Chiddingly Parish.
	3. **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.**
 | **ALL****MG** |