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| **Greening Chiddingly Meeting**  **Thursday, 27 April 2023**  **Village Shop, Muddles Green**  **Notes** |

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| **Attendees** |  |  |
| David Nash (Chair) | Tina Letanka | Mike Goss |
| Noel Hardy | Helen Denning |  |
| **Apologies** | | |
| Mark Valleley (Secretary) | Sheryl Rennison (Treasurer) | Winnow Hardy |
| Peter Gunner | Cat Wood-Evans |  |

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| **Item** | **Action** |
| 1. **Notes of previous meeting** |  |
| * 1. Actions carried forward from last meeting were reviewed.      1. **David 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’ page for website. Ongoing.      3. **Sally to write text** for Future Farming section of Website. Ongoing. | **DN**  **SR**  **SA** |
| 1. **School Colouring Competition** |  |
| * 1. David reported that 18 entries had been received for the Chiddingly School Colouring Competition.      1. There were 12 entries from Years 1/2, 3 from Years 3/4 and 3 from Years 5/6.      2. Mark had purchased a bug hotel for the winners of each of these three groups and will source a second prize for Year 1/2 given the large number of entries.      3. **David to contact Tony Mills** to judge the competition. | **DN** |
| 1. **Stall at Church Fete – 10 June 2023** |  |
| * 1. David reported that – despite two email requests – no one had offered to develop an interactive game for the Church Fete.      1. The meeting agreed that it was important that the group have a presence at the fete.      2. There had been no shortage of volunteers to run the stall, and a table cover and banner for the stall are already in place, so it was just a case of developing a simple interactive activity.      3. It was suggested that **Mark send round one more request for assistance**, giving explicit instructions about what was needed to replicate the successful game developed by Emily/Frankie last year. This was a ‘Guess what’s in the box’ game, with four cardboard boxes, each with a hole in the front, with natural objects sitting in the bottom (e.g. pine cones, shells etc.).      4. If no offers of assistance were received, it was proposed by David that we pull the stall this year. | **MV** |
| 1. **Green Weekend – 1 July 2023** |  |
| * 1. David reported that arrangements for the Green Weekend on 1 July 2023 were now well underway.      1. Notice of the event had been given in the latest Parish News, the website had been updated, and draft text and an advert prepared for social media.      2. **Sheryl had offered to post adverts on Facebook and Next Door**, with **David covering other social media outlets**. Once a poster is prepared this can be circulated for posting around the village, including in the village shop and at campsites etc.      3. David reported on arrangements for Eco Open Houses. Sheryl and Noel/Winnow had kindly offered to open their homes again.      4. David had emailed Cliff Marchant about having the rewilding area of Jubilee Gardens as an Eco Open House site but had yet to receive a response.      5. David had received a positive response from Simon Coxhead about including the Community Orchard as an Eco Open House site.      6. David had been in correspondence with architect Nigel Braden about including Ash Cottage as an illustration of how to make eco improvements to a listed building. The idea of either a talk about, or tour of, the property was received enthusiastically. **David to follow up with Nigel Braden.**      7. David reported a suggestion from Mark that a walking tour could be organised to visit the (hopefully) five Eco Open House sites, starting at the village shop and ending with Noel/Winnow’s property.This was well-received.      8. Helen offered to run a hands-on craft demonstration in the village car park as part of the event – this idea was received enthusiastically. **David to liaise with Helen about branding the demonstration**.      9. Developing a map of stalls and Eco Open Houses was discussed. As per last year, the online map would be the most up-to-date source of information, with a resilient cardboard map developed for display in the Hub area outside the village shop. Visitors would be encouraged to photograph this map, to save printing paper copies. **David to explore map design and printing**. | **SR/DN**  **DN**  **DN**  **DN** |

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| 1. **Future Farming update** |  |
| * 1. David reported that a Future Farming meeting is scheduled for 19:30 on Tuesday 9 May (venue tbc). The main purpose of the meeting will be to discuss a group application for funding to either the Sussex Lund fund or the Defra ELMs scheme. |  |
| 1. **Budget update** |  |
| * 1. David reported that the group budget stands at £697.78. |  |
| 1. **A.O.B.** |  |
| 7.1 Mike reported that the annual Parish Assembly was taking place on Tuesday 23 May. Mark had agreed to attend this meeting to represent the group. The date of the next monthly group meeting had shifted to the Thursday as a result.  7.2 David reported that he had finally made contact with the Sussex Wildlife Trust about giving either a public talk or a tour of a SWT site. He is continuing dialogue and will report back to the next meeting.  7.3 David reported that he and Sheryl will be running a Seed Swap stall at the Horticultural Society plant sale on Saturday 13 May.  **7.4 Date and time of next meeting**: 19.30, Thursday 25 April 2023 – Village Shop, Muddles Green. |  |