

Greening Chiddingly Meeting
Tuesday, 24 October 2023
Village Shop, Muddles Green

Notes

Attendees		
David Nash (Chair)	Mark Valleley (Secretary)	Peter Gunner
Tina Letanka	Sue McHale	Helen Denning

Apologies		
Sheryl Rennison (Treasurer)	Cat Wood-Evans	Sally Ashby
Noel Hardy	Gail Giles	Mike Goss
Winnow Hardy		

Item	Action
1. Notes of previous meeting	
1.1 Actions carried forward from last meeting were reviewed.	
1.1.1 Sheryl to submit text for 'Think about where you invest' page for website. Ongoing.	SR
1.1.2 Sally to write text for Future Farming section of Website. Agreed to await outcome of Lund Fund applications before drafting.	
1.1.3 Logo has been finalised and is now in use on the website. Callista has been paid and has produced a document setting out how she took inspiration from the children's logo designs to produce the final version. This can be used to provide feedback to the children at the school assembly.	MV/CWE
1.1.4 Application for grant of £460 submitted to Parish Council. Finance Working Group of Parish Council to consider applications and report back to November meeting of Parish Council with funding recommendations.	
1.1.5 Sourcing Seeds for Seed Swap – Tina and Sue had visited Staverton and Thorpe Nurseries. Nothing available from Staverton. Tina to go back to Thorpe Nursery.	TL
1.1.6 Tina has Supplied Mark with dates for all future events of organisations in the village. Mark to collate this and produce spreadsheet of dates for 2023/24. This info will be used to finalise dates for Greening Chiddingly events which will then be entered into Parish News Google Calendar.	MV
2. Future Farming Update	
2.1 Six applications submitted for Lund Fund. Seventh needing budget detail before being accepted.	

2.2 The application from Gail Giles is for a public engagement and interpretation project linked to the Future Farming initiative. To include 'Poetry on a post' with workshop to develop poems.	
2.3 Dave to provide update to Parish Council at a future meeting once result of applications known.	DN
2.4 Planning has started for second phase of applications for potential submissions in October 2024.	
2.5 Dave met with Deputy Head at the School (Erin Mackarness) and Christine Meadows from High Weald Unit to discuss potential project. Area in School grounds currently covered with astroturf that could be replaced with sensory garden including taller species. Dave to follow up with Erin.	DN
2.6 Other potential Lund Fund project relating to rewilding area at the back of Jubilee Field. Parish Council have asked if Greening Chiddingly would take on responsibility for the management of the area. Christine Meadows visited site with Dave and identified restoration work to pond at the back of the rewilding area as potential project. Costs for this would need to be obtained. Would involve cutting back vegetation around pond to allow more light in. Christine also recommended maintenance work to rest of rewilding area (that cannot be supported by Lund Fund). Involves mowing the area. Peter to investigate potential method for mowing the area and report back.	DN/MV PG
2.7 Noel Hardy had raised possibility of pond restoration project in Community Orchard at previous meeting. Separate application could be developed for this on back of pond restoration project in Jubilee Field. To be discussed at future meeting as costing could be produced for this project as same time as Jubilee Field pond project.	NH

3. Budget update	
3.1 Sheryl unable to make the meeting so item deferred. Dave to pay in cash that had been accumulated from events into bank account and then settle up with people who were owed money.	DN
4. Planning activities for the coming year	
5.1 The Group used an old programme of events from a Great Big Green Week event organised in the London Borough of Richmond (Great Big Green Week events - London Borough of Richmond upon Thames) to help generate ideas for events that could potentially form part of a future events programme for Greening Chiddingly. A particular prompt for this was the need to refresh the events that form part of the Green Weekend. Other events that had been run in 2023, including the school colouring competition, seed swap, stall at the village fete and Tour de Chiddingly will run again in 2024.	
5.2 The attached note shows the ideas that were generated from the discussion under 5.1, sorted into different categories. This will be used to inform a discussion at the next meeting on 28 November.	ALL

6. A.O.B.	
6.1 NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING – to enable people to stay on for a chat and a drink as there will be no December meeting 6.2 Date and time of next meeting: 19.30, Tuesday 28 November 2023 – Six Bells.	

Greening Chiddingly - Ideas for 2024 Green Weekend Programme

The following is a long list of ideas of the types of activities that could form part of the 2024 Green Weekend for discussion on 26 November:

Events/activities for children and young people

- Poetry competition – e.g. ‘let it grow’ – 7 -14 year olds – write a poem to highlight the importance of wildflowers in the area we live.
- ‘Letters to tomorrow’ – written declaration of what is important to you and what climate action you want to see locally and nationally. – (Guides did this recently)
- Children’s eco themed art activity
- Children’s eco theme story time
- Eco activity workshop - Green up your act education activity – explore issue of single use plastic and marine pollution - happy habitats for bees and butterflies workshop - creating a garden with wildlife in mind

Meet the makers - event to promote local producers

- Big Nose and Beardy Cider
- Golden Cross/ Worlds End Goats Cheese
- Sausage making? (Green?) Wine making? Food fermentation?

Eco arts and crafts

- Helens eco craft stall – (including Wool spinning, material dying and other activities)
- Make a bug house activity – provide materials for children to construct and or decorate bug houses
- Willow man – who makes stuff from willow
- Community Art Project – something gets made on the day (link to Willow Man)
- East Hoathly Sewing Group

Tours

- Eco open houses
- Community Orchard Tour
- Nature trail – guided walk
- Open Farm day – see farm machinery up close and hear about sustainable farming
- Mindful Nature Connection – activity walk

Stalls

- Sussex Wildlife Trust stall
- High Weald unit – stall
- Energy efficiency advice stand (element of last year's travelling futures roadshow)
- Host a Hive - Bee Keepers Association
- Small Farm Training Group
- Greening Chiddingly Stall – focus Future Farming initiative – Gail's public engagement project
- Wealden District Council – climate emergency plan
- Remembering Chiddingly – local history talk/activity (Robin Symmington)
[Intro Page 0 \(coopersfarm.co.uk\)](http://coopersfarm.co.uk)

Talks

- Bee friendly planting for bees
- Solar Panels and Batteries: My home and Your home: Talk by local resident on how to estimate the effect of a solar installation on your house and the pros and cons of various choices: panel types , panel locations inverter types and batteries

Other

- Repair Café (ask Horam Repair Café to come to Chiddingly?)
- Kinship workshop – guided through simple activities to tune into being outside and to nature, how we sense, how we move through and relate to landscape.