

Greening Chiddingly Meeting
Tuesday, 20 February 2024
Village Shop, Muddles Green

Notes

Attendees		
David Nash (Chair)	Helen Denning	Tina Letanka
Mark Valleley (Secretary)	Peter Gunner	Gail Giles
Sheryl Rennison (Treasurer)	Mike Goss	Sue McHale
Apologies		
Winnow Hardy	Sally Ashby	Noel Hardy

Annual General Meeting

Item	Action
1. Introduction from Chair and apologies	
1.1 David Nash welcomed everyone to the meeting. 1.2 Apologies received from Noel and Winnow Hardy 1.3 The meeting would take place in two parts with the Annual General Meeting first followed by the regular Monthly meeting.	
2. Chair's Report	
2.1 David Nash gave a brief overview of the activities of the group in 2023/4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seed swap in March 2023 with Chiddingly Horticultural Society • Stall at the Church Fete in June 2023 • Green Weekend - July 2023 • Tour de Chiddingly - September 2023 • Colouring Competition with the School • Success with the Lund Fund applications • Regular item in the Parish News • Management of rewilding area in the Jubilee Field 	
3. Treasurer's Report	
3.1 Copy of Accounts as at 18/02/2024 attached. Income of £827.78 in 2023/4 (including £400 grant from Parish Council) with outgoings of £545.16 giving a current balance of £282.62	
4. Election of Officers	

1.1 The following officers were elected: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair – David Nash; • Treasurer – Sheryl Rennison; • Secretary – Mark Valleley. 	
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Regular Monthly Meeting

Item	Action
Actions from previous meeting	
1. Actions from last meeting were reviewed	
4.1.1 Sheryl to submit text for 'Think about where you invest' page for website. Ongoing.	SR
4.1.2 Sally to write text for Future Farming section of Website.	SA
4.1.3 Mark to arrange feedback on logo design to the children at the school assembly.	MV
4.1.4 Mark to produce spreadsheet of community event dates for 2023/24.	MV
4.1.5 Dave to provide update to Parish Council on Future Farming initiative at a future meeting. Mark to email Parish Clerk for dates	DN/MV
4.1.6 Dave to follow up with Deputy Head at the School (Erin Mackarness) and Christine Meadows from High Weald Unit on potential Lund Fund project.	DN
4.1.7 Dave to follow up with Toby at Gun Brewery about having a local producers event on Sun 7 July 2023 as part of Green Weekend.	DN
2. Update on Future Farming Initiative	
2.1 Gail gave an update on Meeting that took place 19.30 on Monday 29 January 2024 at the Gun Brewery on the Future Farming Initiative.	
2.2 Five farmers were awarded Lund Funding with two further community engagement projects receiving funding.	
2.3 Some of the farmers had already started work on their land.	
2.4 Applications for this years Lund Fund open in April and close in July	
2.5 Potential projects for submission discussed.	
2.6 Project with School involving creation of sensory garden in school grounds. Dave to follow up with Deputy Head	DN
2.7 Pond restoration project on rewilding area of Jubilee Field. Application would have to be submitted by Parish Council as Landowner. Dave to source pond restoration organisation to quote for work.	DN
2.8 Pond restoration project on pond in Community Orchard. Application would need to be submitted by Parish Council as landowner. Company sources to quote for work in Jubilee Field also to be asked to quote for this work.	DN

<p>2.9 Possibility of biodiversity management project in the Church graveyard. Gail could arrange for Helen Proctor to visit to assess potential with permission of the Vicar. Peter to approach Vicar.</p> <p>2.10 Sally exploring possibility of eDNA survey in watercourses to assess baseline level of animal life present using a DNA profiling technique. Further surveys to be undertaken once Lund Fund projects underway to assess impact on species diversity. Possibility of South East Water involvement (funding).</p> <p>2.11 Bird Survey in Smithlands Wood to identify species present to help determine types of bird boxes that could be sited there to encourage species that are currently missing.</p> <p>2.12 Other farmers who did not submit projects as part of Phase 1 to be encouraged to submit projects as part of Phase 2.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PG</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SA</p>
<p>3. Planning activities for the 2024 Green weekend</p>	
<p>3.1 Green Weekend to take place on Saturday 6 July and Sunday 7 July 2024.</p> <p>3.2 Discussion of format for Saturday events. Suggestion that activities run both in car park and also in Jubilee Field.</p> <p>3.3 Saturday 6 July is National Meadows Day so this could provide overall theme for Saturday events https://meadows.plantlife.org.uk/national-meadows-day/.</p> <p>3.4 Events in the Jubilee Field to encourage people to be reflective in the space could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice on creating wildflower meadows/ mini meadows in gardens; • Wild flower walk with someone helping visitors to identify plant species in rewilding area; • Recitals of poems and stories about meadows; • Wild flower seed bomb making (or better I car park?). Gail to contact Sow Wild of Cade Street https://www.sowwild.co.uk/ to see if they would be prepared to donate wild flower seed. • Possible involvement of Pasture Fed Livestock Association? https://www.pastureforlife.org/contact/ • Possibility of having some of Helen's sheep in a pan in the field? <p>3.5 Plan to have stalls and Activities in Farley's car park by village shop on Saturday 6 July 2023</p> <p>3.6 Dave has spoken to Tony Penrose who is OK with us using Farleys car park and overspill parking on Saturday 6 July</p> <p>3.7 Dave has approached Toby at Gun Brewery about possibility of having a local producers event on Sun 7 July 2023. Agreement in principle.</p> <p>3.8 Sue the Village Shop Manager would like to meet to discuss the possibility of other businesses in Farley's Yard being involved in the event on Saturday 6 July. Mark to contact Sue to arrange to meet to discuss this.</p> <p>3.9 The table below overleaf out the potential elements, their contact and the actions that need taking to move them forward.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GG</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MV</p>

Activity	Content	Actions	Responsible
Eco Craft Stall	Various craft activities including eco printing		Helen
Willow Man Workshop	Creating items from willow	Mark to confirm date and availability with Willow man – Richard Vidow	Mark
Greening Chiddingly Stall	Display board on current status of Future Farming Project Milk Environmental Impact activity	Get consent to use Sussex Lund logo Source Display Board Prepare display Compile materials	Mark Dave Dave/Mark
Childrens activity stalls	<u>Bug Hotel making</u> (In Farley's Car Park) <u>Seed bomb making</u> *(In Jubilee Field)	Source materials Construct outer shell of bug house Source Wood for outer Shell Source clay and seeds . Gail to speak to Sow Wild about sourcing seeds	Sheryl Will All Gail/Sue
Bodgers Stall	Heritage craft demonstration	Contact Association of Pole Lathe Turners and Green Woodworkers www.bodgers.org.uk	Helen
Energy Efficiency stall	Component of Lewes Travelling Futures Roadshow	Contact organiser to determine availability	Dave
Greening Sussex Stall	Travelling eco -themed roadshow consisting of various elements	Email enquiry to identify cost and availability	Mark
Bee keepers stall	Bee keeping demonstration	Contact Eastbourne bee keepers association to identify availability	Mark
Sussex Small farm training group	How to care for land, livestock and equipment in an efficient and professional way.	Email enquiry on availability	Mark
Route making between Farleys Car park and Jubilee Field	Create doubled sided signs linking Farleys Car Park and Jubilee Field		

Guided Nature Walk – Rewilding Area	Guided wildflower walk in Rewilding Area	Identify walk leader	Gail
Meadow themed Story telling poetry reading in rewilding area		Identify participants	Gail
Pasture Fed Livestock Association	Activity? Helens Sheep in A Pen?	Needs further discussion at next meeting.	
Sunday Local Producers market (Sun 7 July)	At the Gun Brewery as part of regular Sunday food market	Speak to Toby at Gun Brewery	Dave

4. Planning for other events	
4.1 Seed Swap – Saturday 23 March 9am-11am outside village shop & 2.30–4pm at Chiddingly Horticultural Society Spring Show at Village Hall. Mark & Tina to cover this. 4.2 Church Fete and Tour de Chiddingly to be discussed at future meeting.	MV& TL
5. A.O.B.	
5.1 Date and time of next meeting: 19.30, Thurs 25 April 2024 – Village Shop, Muddles Green.	

2024 Meeting Dates: Tues 22 May 2024, Thurs 27 June 2024, Tues 16 July 2024 , Thurs 15 August 2024, Tues 24 September 2024, Thurs 24 October 2024, Tues 26 November 2024.

