

Yealmpton Environment Group Meeting, Zoom, 17 February 2022, 19:00

Present – Sheila, Stan, Kate, Tony, Jen, Teresa

Actions from last meeting:

- **Stan and Sheila to explore Dropbox for contact details.**

Tested and works.

1. Sub-group reports (actions arising or items for discussion)

1.1 Rivers

SW water very slow to provide data on the Env Regs, deadline is the end of Feb

Docs prepped with Peter Brown summarising the problems with the Yealm, and summarising associated costs to get monitoring equipment – going around 5 PC s for funding and the press to get donations and voluntary support. A continuous sensor is needed.

Involvement sought to add to existing vols – monthly with vols using cost effective kits to check a range of pollutants.

Send water project information from the Woodland Trust in the Bovey/Fingle if possible – Stan

Charles looking after land based YEM work on behalf of YEG

Talking to Ivybridge community college – build websites for example – maybe support for YEG?

1.2 Wild flowers/verges

Awaiting to hear back from S Hams. Rob Sekula, is hoping to have the equipment for DC to better manage verges for biodiversity.

PC needs to decide who is to mow neat edge along the roadsides of wildflower verges.

James has scarified and seeded patches of Ford Road – 3 large areas and turf removal.

School – keen to decorate blue hearts.

Trees have come – plant on weekend of 27th?

Around trees at TBP – Kate to look at sourcing shade bearing seed

Life on the Verge talk – actions from environment email.

1.3 Footpaths

Working on claim for FP through Shire Horse centre.

1.4 Trees

Discussion about locations. None finalised and Stan still to talk to Michael Bastard.

1.5 Comms

Nothing to report.

1.6 Carbon

Sheila M has done the baseline carbon footprint. Needs turning into something useable.

Net zero visions workshop coming up – Teresa to represent us.

Devon CC carbon plan is driving the agenda.

Breakout rooms in part 2 for the 5 parishes, 5 specialist sessions

Mail round questions from NZ project - Teresa

Yealmpton show – stand for YEG?

2. Blue Heart Verges – final actions

Covered in 1.2

3. Life on the verge meeting – logistics

Plan to record event

50 capacity hall, but has been reduced during covid.

4. Carbon plan for YEG – any further updates

Covered above.

5. Tree planting – sites

Discussed above.

6. 20 is Plenty – Group views

Supportive, but need to justify on environmental grounds

Jen has asked for data

10% reduction in PM10 reducing speed to 20.

7. Environmental Action Plan – progress and priorities for 2022

Not discussed

8. AOB

Newton and Noss exploring their own composting site – **check on Brixton – Kate to check.**

Dates for next 6 meetings

17 March

21 April

19 May

16 June

21 July

22 September