

Greener Staplehurst Group Meeting

Monday 20th June 2022

Minutes

Present:

David George (Chair)
Jose Castro
Bill McLaughlin
Mina McPhee
Stuart McPhee
Paddy Riordan
Adele Sharp

Apologies:, David Charge, Martin Ralph, Natasha Thomas, Shirley Wigzell

Minutes of previous meeting

Approved.

1. Matters arising from previous meeting

- a. *Compost bin* – **Action - JC to request Men's Shed build the compost bin. In advance of that, the Thursday volunteer group will clear the land.**
- b. *Budget* – all planned expenses to be put to the Parish Council Committee for information at the next meeting. (Funding to allow for: new plants, watering hose, water butts and weed suppressing membrane for the new bed). **Action: MM to draft memo to PC.**
- c. *Replacement trees for Wimpey Fields* - **Action: JC to contact all the families' whose trees have been damaged and which need replacing.**
- d. *Augur* – **Action - DG to negotiate a deal with Andy for the hiring of an augur and other heavy equipment that might be needed by the group.**
- e. *Beavers' evening* – MM reported that the Beavers' community and gardening evening at the Chestnut Avenue bed was successful and would prove to be good PR within the village.

2. Ecology Day Feedback

Overall, the Ecology Day was successful. It was well attended for an inaugural event and another one is planned for next year. The following to be considered for the next event:

- *Communications* – produce flyers to hand out at the school gate and at Spar in the two weeks before the event.
- *Children's Events* – provide timings for the children's events so that family audiences have something to aim for.

3. Beds and planting

New parade bed - The new parade bed is ready for planting although it is full of woodchip at present. Following a suggestion from SW (by email), it was agreed that the planting of the bed should be left to SW, NT and MR so that it can be planted as an extension of Maddie's bed with more flowers than there are in the herb bed. **Action: MM and SW to transfer some of the woodchip to the herb bed where more wood chip is needed for the pathway.**

Jubilee Fields bed – this is currently looking good.

4. Any other business

- a. SM requested that the Group consider and provide ideas about how GSG could support the young people who attend the Staplehurst Youth Club. Possible ideas include financing a planter or providing gardening expertise. The youth workers supporting the Youth Club have indicated that there may be KCC money available to build a greenhouse. **Action: to discuss further at a future meeting.**
- b. JC reported that the cameras were ready to be installed at the Wimpey Fields. **Action: JG and JC to co-ordinate the installation of the cameras and the notices to be put up.**
- c. Weavers Close – MM reported that local resident Susie Minns has requested a native tree sapling in the green space in the Close. **Action: Area to be inspected for suitability for a sapling planting.**

5. Date of next meeting

Monday 11th July 2022 – this will be held at the Youth Club.

MM

28th June 2022