

Marden Parish Council

Environmental and Sustainability Group Meeting

by Zoom on 12.1.21

Present

David Bennett, Jan Cross, Gwyneth Godding, Rod Lees, Jess Tidball.

1. Apologies – None, all present.
2. Public Forum – No public attended.
3. Discussion on articles put forward and agree plan for News and Views for next issues –
Agreed the following to go into News and Views:
 - Save money and the planet February **Gwyneth**
 - Safety February **Lesley**
 - Mowing and Eco-friendly gardening March **Jan**
 - Water Conservation April **Jess**
 - May Composting **Rod** to contact Claire to ask permission to use her article
 - **Rod** to send all articles to Kate and Alison to get them put on the website and Face book page.
4. Update on liaison with Gardeners' Society –
Agreed that through Jan and Gwyneth we will develop close links and a consistent message with the Gardeners.
5. Next steps –
 - a) Using the Fownhope model we looked at the following topics to develop for implementation post COVID-19.
 - Planting Trees / Hedging. **Rod** to contact the clerk at Fownhope to find out how they sourced the trees and engaged landowners. Look at who can help us make sure we only plant the right tree in the right place. Target Autumn 2021.
 - Looked at the possibility of providing information and assistance to allow people who are interested to move to greener power suppliers. Contact Fownhope and Herefordshire Councils to try and find more information. **Rod** to develop more details for discussion at the next meeting
 - Develop Relationships with the school and pre-school. Look at areas we could work with the school to help further enhance the Environmental and Sustainability work already being done. Suggested approach is via M Newton and Paula. Could provide prizes for competitions, facilitate an environmental club, and provide link to wildlife trust. Probably a 2022 objective.
 - Waste and Recycling. **Gwyneth** and **Lesley** to look at what is available for things not covered by normal recycling and feedback at the next meeting. Overall approach would be short term get information together and make it available, medium term get local collections and use volunteers to take to recycler, long term makes it an integral part of the new village hall. **Rod** to get Alison to put the Herefordshire Council video on recycling on our website.
 - b) **Gwyneth** mentioned she had signed up to a free online course to provide background information on Environment and Sustainability. Future Learn, Climate change the science (Exeter University)
 - c) **Rod** to arrange a zoom conference call with Fownhope Parish Council to understand how they tackled the environment.
6. Date for next meeting – Tuesday 9.2.21