

# Marden Parish Council

## Environmental and Sustainability Group Meeting

### by Zoom on 9.2.21

#### Present

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

1. Apologies – None, all present.
2. Public Forum – No public attended.
3. Review of articles going into the News and Views and any feedback  
Agreed the following to go into News and Views.
  - 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 check with Kate that the previous articles are on the Facebook page.
  - Agree that a quiz would be a great idea. **All** to pool ideas so we can put something in the April N & V.
  - Pull together an article on recycling as part of our overall recycling plans. **Lesley**
  - Look at article on alternatives to pesticides in the garden. **Any volunteer?**
4. Feedback from Discussions with Fownhope Parish Clerk. Rod  
Agreed the following actions following discussion with Fownhope Clerk.
  - Planting Trees / Hedging. **Rod** to contact the Woodland Trust and establish availability of trees.
  - Rod to contact Paula to understand the best way of approaching the School and pre school and to start to determine what help and support we could provide.
  - Make sure we do not forget the Youth group when it reopens.
  - Idea of coffee morning or possible link into events to try and engage people in environmental issues supported, review when it may be possible at next meeting.
  - **Rod** to arrange zoom call with Fownhope for our next meeting. **Could people pull together questions they would like to ask**, forward to **Rod** who will send them onto Helen the Fownhope clerk.
5. Feedback on Waste and Recycling Research Lesley and Gwyneth  
Agreed that we should go forward with Waste and Recycling plans. First step is to put an article in N & V about what is available. Part of this would include a plan for an initial collection of plastic film and crisp packets (Queenswood is operating). I believe Lesley was happy to do this.
6. Review actions  
Agreed that the Gardeners proposal was excellent, and we should do whatever we can to support. Suggested that improved access to the war memorial would be advantageous.
7. Date for next meeting – Tuesday 9.3.21. Hopefully the main agenda item would be zoom call with Fownhope.