

CCPC Environment Group Action Notes

In Person Meeting 12 May 2022 7.30pm Mortons Manor Hotel

Present – Josey, David, Helen, Luke and 8 members of the public.

1. Introductions

Apologies received from 2 people.

Everyone present gave a brief introduction of themselves.

2. Talk by Dave Picksley from The Environment Agency

- Dave gave an interesting and informative talk about coastal flooding and erosion, and proposals for adaptation to changes caused by sea level rises.
- Several attendees asked probing questions, which triggered further discussion about the topic.
- **ACTION** Josey and Helen consider asking a question of Dorset Council via the Clerk about whether the Dorset Local Plan takes into account any relevant Coastal Change Management Areas, including the one for Purbeck.

3. EG Jubilee Projects update

- Helen circulated the latest versions of the list of sites, maps and photos, and advised that we now have over 90 possible sites.
- Also so far 2,440 trees / hedge plants have been planted towards our 70 x 70 target of 4,900.

4. Ideas for Corfe Castle APM 23rd May

- Helen has prepared a short presentation about what the EG is, how we make changes and what we have done so far, which was reviewed, and a couple of changes agreed. **ACTION** Helen
- It is intended a Jubilee Tree planting display will be provided.

5. Feedback from attendees on Environmental Topics

- One attendee mentioned that this year she had seen more slow worms in her garden than ever. Actions taken which may have had an impact on this was not mowing, and having lots of raised beds for the slow worms to sun themselves on, and with crevices in that the slow worms can hide in. Helen requested a copy of any photos of the slow worms.
- Another person mentioned seeing an adder in their garden!
- A Studland parishioner advised that Studland Council are considering a ban on portable BBQs; to be considered for Corfe Castle. **ACTION** Helen.
- They also mentioned the different hedge management approaches along roads in Purbeck, commenting on concerns that some hedges that are managed badly would be much less biodiverse than well managed hedges.
- It was also suggested that CPRE may be able to offer funding to enhance or plant new hedges. **ACTION** Josey / Helen.

6. Feedback on previous EG Meeting actions

- Swanage Railway is monitoring progress with trials of the use of Bio-coal (20% biomass) on other heritage railways.
- Helen contacted the parishioner about being part of Dorset Greener Open Homes.
- Helen now has a plan of the Corfe Common butterfly transect. The two people who complete the butterfly surveys on the Corfe Common transect are not very local so meeting up is likely to take a while to arrange.

Open actions

- **ACTION** Josey follow up on Richard's letter to the PC asking the PC to contact the planners about the new precedent set by the Durlston decision in relation to their previous negative response to the PC from DC. A further example is Exeter Cathedral that is Grade 1 listed.
- **ACTION** Helen / David / Tom to discuss further the Halves were discussed for some possible tree planting sites – **some progress made but further work to do.**
- **ACTION** Helen to add people at the meeting would like to join the independent Our Secret Field Group to a new What's App Group.
- **ACTION** Luke is writing a letter to DC on street lighting.
- **ACTION** Luke to see if a display board could be created for the APM showing what Corfe Castle school have achieved, and to invite the school Eco lead.
- **ACTION** David to liaise with Helen and Steve Earwicker about a biodiversity survey at Kimmeridge Church.
- **ACTION** David to liaise with Linda Price about a survey at Tyneham Church.
- **ACTION** David to see if Martin Warren would be interested in doing some butterfly survey training to allow us to do other butterfly surveys in the parish.
- **ACTION** Luke to look at Roy's reports about butterflies and native plants to see if we can include extracts in information to the EG, either at meetings or in CVN.
- Ideas for the **Planet Purbeck Festival (16-25 Sept)** included a tree and / or wildflower giveaway. Roy offered to grow on wildflowers from our wildflower seeds. Further action required.

Date of Next Meetings

- Full EG meeting 7.30pm on 9th June at Morton Manor, **ACTION** Luke.
- June Talk / topic - Ben NT slow the flow / Angus DWT re Riverfly projects – **ACTION** Luke.
- **8th September** Jim White on Heaths habitats - **ACTION** David.
- **13th October** Will Bond / Derek Moss on energy?

CCPCEG Core Group members; Josey, Helen, Tom, Luke, David, Richard

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