

Castlemorton Environmental Group

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 2023 7:00pm

The meeting was held in the Armitage Room.

Present:

Dawn Fisher (Chair), Don Lupton, Mike Wilkinson, Roger Best, Hilary Flanders, Jeremy Hubbard

Apologies:

Sue Lupton, Reg and Jan Freeman.

Resignations:

Rosemary Powell and Jacquie Ward

Actions and Agenda Items

1. Minutes of the previous meeting of 17.1.2024 were approved.

2. Financial

Held by PC £140.16, Cash £239.92, Total £380.08. It was agreed that we should aim to hold about £100 as cash and transfer any surplus to the PC.

3. Website and Publicity

Jacquie is no longer able to work on the website. Jeremy agreed to have a try. Tim to be contacted about the best way to do induction. Dawn and Tim are updating the website.

4. Potential Use of interactive map.

The meeting explored the use of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy map which was interesting and potentially useful. Dawn and Jeremy plan to attend a meeting with Charlotte Vincent and Jackie Bass next week to look at projects which could be funded.

5. Talks

The Jonathon Porritt talk was very well attended and interesting. Our last garden talk was quite well attended and there seems to be interest in this kind of winter talk.

Our next talk is Can our Rivers Survive? about pollution in the Wye Catchment area on the 25th April – Don to get posters out.

It was agreed not to do hall based talks during the summer months and start again in September.

Roger agreed to do a dawn chorus walk on the 12th May. Start 5:30, numbers limited to 15. Advertising via mailing list only. Donations. Roger to prepare a paragraph for publicity purposes.

All to consider other topics. One good option would be to have a talk about our food choices and the environmental impact arising. We need to find a good speaker for this.

6. Visits

No response from EnviroSort – Don to chase.

7. Castlemorton Churchyard

Grant for £321 obtained to be spent by end of March. Ground preparation for the pollinator patch this Friday 15/3. Volunteer numbers have been limited as machinery involved. Dawn reminded all to take photos and post something on the website.

Mike to contact Liz to discuss the snowdrop relocation plan.

8. Trees

Further trees have been supplied to Hanley Group and take up is not yet known although Roger took a significant number.

Thanks to Roger and Beverly for planting a nice selection of small trees behind the Parish Hall.

9. Wildlife Camera

The idea to offer the camera on loan to our mailing list was discussed.

10. Any Other Business

The Hellens Garden Festival is on the 8th and 9th of June. It was agreed it would be good to man a stand again with volunteers available.

It was suggested we should collaborate more actively with other environmental groups, perhaps to create a Malvern Hills body.

There is a NALC zoom meeting about the climate emergency on the 26th June from 12-13:15. Dawn and Jeremy plan to attend.

11. Date and time of next meeting:

Next meeting 8/5/24 in the Armitage Room at 7pm

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