

# Slaley & Healey Community Environmental Group (S&HCEG)

Agenda for meeting on Sunday March 22nd at 5 p.m. in Slaley Commemoration Hall.

**1. Introduction** of new members and their main environmental interests. (This may result in a slight Group name change?)

**2. Data protection forms for new members**

**3. Minutes of First meeting February 16th 2020**

**4. Matter arising**

a) 8c 22/2/20: PW was asked to contact Forest England to see if a general litter/dog bags wheelie bin could be placed at the Trygill and Ladycross entrances - Update

b) 8g 22/2/20 Climate change file - **Update & Verbal report from** Slaley First School Headteacher, Debbie Brett and University Work by Rebecca Brett.

c) 8h 22/2/20: lobby a national/worldwide climate change initiative or a more local initiative – ideas – what? who does?

**5. Update of actions since 22/2/20**

a) PW Alien plant invasion record/ Inter-parish Hedgehog count / Contact Hexhamshire & Blanchland / Professor David Manning at Newcastle University / Tap outside the Hall.

ab) KM & TD school native trees / Tom & Joes Trees at Wylam.

ac) RD CAN for community led initiatives / plastic free alternatives in March Slaley News.

ad) PT and SD visit local Orchards / research funding streams. / offers of land or possible sites identification – local area map.

ae) DT NCC community led initiatives/ less litter & more recycling facilities/ Slaley PC litter pick date / Quick win 2 small bins in Hall kitchen ideas known on social media.

af) PG Humshaugh community shop information/costs on electric car charging.

ag) TJ community shop offers in Slaley News/ agreement from other board members/ local recycled wood briquettes sales. Community Shop recycling – SCOPE? – how often emptied?

ah) SD to develop web page/ Information Hub/ Slaley News article/ Slaley Notes reporting the group's plans **number of visits?**

**6. Funding – Bank account**

Which bank?

Applications for funds to whom? By whom?

**7. Talk by Professor David Manning of Newcastle University on capturing carbon**

Professor Manning has agreed to come out during May, pending Coronavirus spread, he has been offered Monday May 11<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup> or Thursday May 21<sup>st</sup> all at 7 p.m. Slaley & Healey PCs have both offered to pay 50% of the cost of hosting the meeting.

## **8. Constitution**

Draft circulated

## **9. Interesting Articles & Information**

a) Email from Joan Jewitt 28/2/20 with details of Free trees from Woodland Trust forwarded to SD & PT.

b) Email from Sandra Innes 2/3/20 entitled Sustainable villages with an article on a Thermal Imaging Survey with an emailed report showing significant heat loss at your home.

c) Hexham Courant 5/3/20: "*Are we getting it right when it comes to recycling? Not yet....*" pages 38/39 end by saying "when you next buy a can of drink, make sure it doesn't end up with the normal rubbish. Aluminium is high value, every can saves a square metre of rain forest because you are not digging up the rain forest to get the minerals to make a new one".

d) Journal 9/3/20: "*The species that had heard from us before we had even heard of it.*" A shrimp-like crustacean discovered in the Pacific Ocean between Japan and the Philippines had in its body (PET) (polyethylene terephthalate) a substance found in a variety of commonly used household items such as water bottles and workout clothes. The World Wildlife Fund has launched an international campaign to reduce plastic waste, improve waste management and end marine plastic pollution.

## **10. AOB**

a) Domestic coal and certain types of wood are to be banned from sale in 2021, what can we offer those people who still enjoy a coal fire? Is there a local supplier who we can organise a local distribution to keep delivery charges down? (similar to the oil buying group).

b) If members of Hexhamshire parish have joined the group should we be contacting Whitley Chapel First School? Contact name? Who does?

c) LXNR looking into a Nest-box workshop and having the boxes fitted around the NR or taken home if preferred. In talks with PC of the Man Shed.

Everyone to pay £1 towards the cost of the hall £ was given to Treasurer TD.

## **11. Date of next meeting**