

Slaley, Healey & Hexhamshire Community Environmental Group (SH&HCEG)

Agenda for meeting on Wednesday February 16th 2022

at 6.30 p.m in Slaley Commemoration Hall.

1. Present & Apologies.

Pat Wilson – Farming - protection of wildlife flora & fauna (Ladycross NR) PCs Litter - reduce plastic use.

Debra Taylor – Slaley Hall area, Slaley Councillor/ Village hall – quick win

Peter Topping – Healey parish – community orchard

Stella Douglas – Colpits area/Slaley Councillor/ Show/ Shop/ web site and community orchard.

Terry Douglas – Colpitts/ Slaley shop – native trees hawthorn/rowan/ash

Rosaleen Doonan – Village hall/shop/ musician/ Minsteracres - Raise awareness especially with young people

Peter Gill – Slaley Hall – community involvement/ stimulate a community effort

Karen Melvin – Ladycross Nature & Art - native trees at School

Sheila Borthwick – community orchard at Parks Side, Slaley

Carol Ferguson - renewable energy / energy efficiency & recycling

Anne & Chris Porter – Hexhamshire (Chris - community orchard)

Slaley School **represented by** Nikki English (outdoor education),

Andy & Gill Hayden (Slaley Community Shop) – recycling

Harriet Lamb – Climate Change /Slaley Community Shop

Joan & Jerry Cleal-Harding –

Lynda Sale – Hollie House, Dipton Foot –

Joan Jewitt – Natural History & Ladycross NR

Apologies

2. Minutes of meeting held November 3rd 2021 circulated pages 47 – 50, appendix 1, page 51 & appendix 2, page 52.

3. Matter arising

a) **Creating Ponds 3a 3/11/21; 8a 21/9/21** : Report CP. AP (email 8/11/21 transport from Slaley to Whitley school £80/£90)

b) **Planting trees 3b 3/11/21; 8b 21/9/21**: Report from Tree planting sub-committee

(i) 60 'native harvest' collected by PW & JJ November 17th PW, DD & TD planted 5 at School, 5 Slaley Community Shop, 50 Ladycross Nature Reserve planted outside of CEG members.

(iv) Dwarf 'Stella' or bush 'Arthos' Cherry, 'Conference' Pear, 'Victoria', 'Damson' & 'Greengage' Plum ordered from Hollybush Nursery. Expected delivery now February 11th.

(v) Native shrubs for St. Marys churchyard extension north wall planted by KM. Helen & Olwen Savage

c) **Parks Side Mini Community Orchard** Dwarf 'Stella' or bush 'Arthos' Cherry, 'Conference' Pear, 'Victoria', 'Damson' & 'Greengage' Plum to be planted when ground frost free

4. General update on recycling

a) at Slaley Community Shop. – Andy & Gill to report.

b) at Slaley Commemoration Hall – Rosaleen / Debra to report

5. Treasurers Report.

Report by TD

6. Community Climate Champion report by DJT

7. **Discussion topic:** any update from members on the presentation by LS in November?

a) Community Power: Storm Arwen on November 26/27 2021 is causing the County to look at Emergency Hubs and battery power storage – Slaley Commemoration Hall looking into that.

b) Grow vegetables, buy locally – reduce air miles – Slaley Artisan market is attempting to do just that and the response to the January market was poor. Locally produced produce.

c) Carbon footprint on lifestyle – CP emailed 5/11/21 a carbon Footprint document on the food from the October Slaley Film night.

8. Correspondence

10/12/21: NCC Climate Change newsletter December

13/12/21: AP details of Hexham Sustainability Fair Sunday 19/12/21 11a.m.

14/1/22: NCC Climate Change newsletter January – contained information on “Going Green Together campaign” next monthly support session 9/2/22 4-5 p.m. **anyone attend?**

14/1/22: NCC Climate Change Q&A by ZOOM 19/1/22 from 5 p.m. **anyone attend?**

24/1/22: Letter from Slaley Parish Council asking if CEG had any plans to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. The 1900 years of the Roman Wall and the 100 years of Slaley Commemoration Hall.

24/1/22: KM Hexham Net Zero 1-hour ZOOM event, 7.30 p.m. 27/1/22 – attended by KM & PW – Three-Parish Carbon Footprint lifestyle suggested by KM **is this something we could instigate for Earth Day April 22nd? If yes how and who will lead?**

7/2/22: HL Green Allotments Project.

9. AOB.

15/1/22 emailed from PT, due to work commitments a new Chair is needed

10. Date of 2022 meetings:

April 20th. June 15th. August 17th. October 19th.

Earth Day is Friday April 22nd 2022 – **any suggestions?**

11. Let's not forget - a local initiative –land on which to provide a community ‘something’.