

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

Agenda for meeting on Wednesday February 22nd 2023

Immediately after the AGM 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

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

Terry Douglas – Colpitts/ Slaley shop – native trees hawthorn/rowan/ash. **TD Treasurer**

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

Carol Ferguson - renewable energy / energy efficiency & recycling

Anne & Christopher Porter – Hexhamshire (Chris - community orchard) **CP Chairman for 2022**

Slaley School **represented by** Angela Hayward (headteacher) or Nikki English (outdoor education),

Harriet Lamb – Climate Change /Slaley Community Shop

Lynda Sale – Hollie House, Dipton Foot –

Joan Jewitt – Natural History & Ladycross NR

Vicky Young – interest at Earth Day

Hilary Porteus – plant ecologist – has done many verge surveys in the region.

Victoria Hufford – Edmundbyres – interest in wild flowers.

Apologies

2. Minutes of meeting held October 19th 2022 circulated pages 68 - 71 and appendix 1/191022, page 72.

3. Matters arising

4. General update on recycling

Report PG

5. Treasurers Report.

Report by TD

a) Email 17/2/23 from KM offering her garden as a fund raiser in late June. If yes agree a date?

6. Community Climate Champion

report by DJT:

7. Discussion

- a) Stand at Slaley Show – engage with people – needs serious organisation – stand booked for 2023. Confirmed stall booking with Show Field Manager, Vicky Hutchinson.
- c) Excel Spreadsheet with Activities and Results: Update at meeting.

8. Verge initiative (A&CP)

Funding application completed and sent off by Chairman for the September 30th deadline

9. Correspondence

- a) Email 11/11/22 from Glen Sanderson offering guided tours of NCC recycling plant at West Sleekburn. **Do We want to take advantage of this? If yes who and when?**
- b) Email 11/2/23 from Rebecca Brett would we like to know more about what COCO are doing at the link up to school in Kenya – composting toilets, kitchen gardens and rainwater harvesting. **Would this be a good project in our Slaley Show stand?**
- c) Email 13/2/23 for on-line Hedgerow Healthcheck and Survey Training. 15/2/23 at 6.30p.m. + From Soil to Song presentation 14/3/23 at Blacksmith's Barn, Belsay.
- d) Climate Action Northumberland: November, December 2022, January & February 2023 issues

10. AOB.

11. Date of 2023 meetings: + Special environmental dates when CEG could promote its work.

2023 dates for third Wednesday of alternative months: April 19th. June 21st. August 16th and October 18th.

Earth Day 2023: Saturday April 22nd (theme Climate Change)

World Environment Day 2023: Monday June 5th 2023

Great Big Green Week 2023: September 18th – 26th is the UK's biggest celebration of community action tackling climate change.