



Minutes for meeting on Wed 21st June 2023 19.00 Willow Hut Whitley Chapel.

1. Present and Apologies

Pat Wilson, Debra Taylor, Peter Gill, Karen Melvin, Carol Ferguson, Anne & Christopher Porter, Joan Jewitt, Kirsten Knight, Susan Bland, Terry Douglas.

Apologies

Stella Douglas

Hilary Porteous

2. Approval of minutes of 19th April 2023

Pat proposed and Debra seconded - approved

3. Matters arising – none not covered in agenda.

4. Treasurers report – DT (Copied in at end of the minutes)

Open Garden made £1089, balance of account good. Chairman proposed we need to keep money for yearly public liability insurance, hall meeting hire and enough to advance fund an event (eg for publicity material) roughly £500 as a float. CIP, TD proposed and seconded this.

Verge project made £98 profit as a result of donations. It was agreed that £50 would be offered to NPAONB for their contribution in the event. CIP to action.

5. Recycling update – PG

Need new ideas for recycling as current products like ink jet cartridges ceased. People should be encouraged to take soft plastics back to the major supermarkets.

Corks and blister packs still doing well. Need a volunteer to take blister packs to Superdrug in Newcastle. It was proposed that something to this effect should be advertised parish magazine.

6. Verge initiative report – CIP

Glen Saunderson's visit to Whitley Chapel School was a success, with PR, video and a photoshoot for NCC climate Change Newsletter. He is hopefully going to provide a white board and notice board for the Quakers Hole Bird Hide. From this meeting CP had another meeting with Matt Baker from NCC. CP trying to resolve issues of sign removal and cutting with Hexhamshire PC.

7. Open Garden report – KM

A very successful event, approx 100 people came, KM and JM were thanked. KM has written a report for parish Magazines. A wonderful and fun event which has raised substantial funds for the CEG and raised awareness on pollination issues.

8. Scything workshop update (19th August) AP

Workshop is now full.

9. Slaley Show / WC Leek club sponsorship DT / CIP

KM will do graphics for show tables, basically with our logo and a simple line of text.

10. Quakers Hole – wild flower survey up date ++ AP

Durham Botany Group are coming to help carry out this survey on 26.06.23. A later event will be open to verge workshop attendees and interested community. AP to take photographs for KM's portfolio.

11. Future Activities discussion – What would we like to do? Who would like to be involved?

Following on from the last meeting discussion, a few further ideas were aired. The group scored the ideas which were of particular interest and sub teams formed to progress them to report back progress / a plan at the next meeting.

- Moth event, KK,PW,AP,CF
- Footpath event PG, TD,SB,AP
- Schools Award - CIP to write draft offer to schools to submit their ideas for funding an eco event / activity. CIP / PW to present to WC / Slaley schools. Indicative value £80. CEG to “approve” at next meeting.
- Car charging Point need to hold public meeting to see if there is a need.
- Water monitoring CIP to talk to Tyne Rivers Trust. TD expressed interest for the stream in his garden

12. Correspondence.

13. AOB

PW mentioned the issue of bee eating hornets and will write something for the newsletters.

Next meetings 16th August (Willow Hut), 18th October (Slaley Comm Hall – needs booking – Stella?)

Ref Item 11.

Ideas for CEG Activities from Meeting of 21.06. 2023 with scoring

Idea	Score
Repair, Re-use, Recycle Workshop	
Repair Shop concept - regular event	1
Tool sharpening advice	
Invasive species event based on Northumberland Rivers (email to Healey PC)	
Himalayan Balsam bashing	
Water Quality monitoring	3
Wild life Talk	2
Visiting other projects eg Jesmond / Wylam Community Orchard	
Anti Oil campaign	
Plastic bottle exchange initiative	
Tesco visit ref soft plastics...greenwash or	2
Community Orchard / trees in Churchyard	
Tree planting - more fruit trees	
Carbon accounting - community footprint	1
Village Green - extend communication	
Car charging points	5
Infr red heat sensing gun	1
Clothes swap	
Clothes repair	
Footpath registering	
Walk all footpaths followed by Cake event	8
Bus trip for schools	5
Moth event incl. purchase of moth trap to hire out (Comm Chest application to fund 75%)	
Butterfly event. Note National event 14.07 - 8.08	6

Eco friendly event at Slaley Hall - Balsam bash in return for encouragement of less plastic?	
Walk / Cycle event	1
Joint meetings with other CEG's	1

Finance Report for CEG Meeting- 21/06/23

We currently have £648.64 in the bank. However, bank account payments and cash deposits are not up to date following the event on Saturday.

The verges project accounts show this was a profitable venture – both financially, but more so from awareness raising and publicity for the CEG

Verges Project

Grant	£312.82
Donations	£165.00
TOTAL income	£477.82
Costs	£380.79
Profit	£97.03

Scything Event

For the scything event in August, 8 people have paid to date

Open Garden 17/6/23

Provisional figures below, show that we raised over £1000. A fantastic day and very successful.

Income

Entrance - Cash	£370.00
Entrance - Card	£39.00
Honey Sales	£72.00
Refreshments & Cake	£572.80
Plants	£190.00
Tennis event	£25.40
	<u>£1,269.20</u>

Expenditure

Hire of tables, mugs etc	£54.00
Event insurance	£67.94
Catering expenses	£57.55
Card Payment charges	£0.71
	<u>£180.20</u>

Income after expenses **£1,089.00**