

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

Minutes of meeting on Wednesday April 20th 2022

at 6.30 p.m in Slaley Commemoration Hall.

1. Present & Apologies.

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

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

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

Carol Ferguson - renewable energy / energy efficiency & recycling

Anne & Christopher Porter – Hexhamshire (Chris - community orchard) **CP Chair**

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

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

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

Apologies

Lynda Sale – Hollie House, Dipton Foot –

Sheila Borthwick – community orchard at Parks Side, Slaley

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

Harriet Lamb – Climate Change /Slaley Community Shop

Joan Jewitt – Natural History & Ladycross NR

Peter Topping – Healey parish – community orchard

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

2. Minutes of meeting held February 16th 2022 circulated pages 53 – 55. Notes from ZOOM meeting of February 23rd 2022 to discuss World Earth Day (22/4/22), page 56. Flyer attached as appendix 1 200522, page 57

One amendment to remove the words Sir James Knott.

Proposed as a true record by Stella Douglas and seconded by Debra Taylor. The minutes were signed by the Co-Chair, Christopher Porter.

3. Matter arising

a) **Creating Ponds 3a 16/2/22; 3a 3/11/21; 8a 21/9/21:** A brief discussion regarding the planting of trees and their subsequent removal. AP and Emma Wright will discuss and report back.

b) **Planting trees 3b 16/2/22; 3b 3/11/21; 8b 21/9/21:** Brief comment that the trees were looking good and that perhaps a cordon against a wall would be considered.

4. General update on recycling

PG described further initiatives at the Community Shop – cork and cosmetic waste recycling. The article in Slaley News had been well received. Peter spoke about soft plastic recycling, an initiative by Greenpeace and the strong recycling credentials of Tesco

5. Treasurers Report.

TD has paid for meetings and the Hollybush bill for the trees planted at Park View. Karen asked that £125 was sent to Just One Tree. There will be two bills to pay for the SCH £18 for today's meeting and £36 for World Earth Day.

6. Community Climate Champion

DJT reported that there was some activity but the main point of interest was the potential use of the SCH for an upcoming meeting.

7. Earth Day is Friday April 22nd 2022

See attachment (WED1)

8. Correspondence

11/3/22: NCC Climate Change Newsletter March

1/4/22: NCC Climate Change newsletter April

One issue will be discussed next meeting. We will keep an eye on the Community Chest Community funding scheme when issued to see if we can take advantage of it on a future project

9. AOB.

Suggestion by CP to have a future meeting at Hexhamshire Willow Group hut down on the wetland.

Creation of a document 'What We Are About' and SMART Objectives – to be discussed next meeting (PG and CP to create a draft)

10. Date of 2022 meetings:

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

11. Let's not forget - a local initiative –land on which to provide a community 'something'. To go onto next meeting agenda.

Meeting Closed at 8.00pm