

ChalCAN CG Meeting Tuesday 6th June at 7.30pm at The Parish Centre.

Present: Hilary Burgess (HB) Liz Baldwin (LB) (Chair) Jim Boccock (JB) Gill Thomas (GT)

Apologies: Andy Williams (AW)

1. Minutes of last meeting/actions arising

- No Dark skies leaflets have been arranged and so this idea has been shelved for GBGW.
- No energy actions to report.
- The Frith Youth Centre has won a grant for £20,000 from land sold from the Coney Hill Youth Hospital. Email AW to enquire into whether he has made progress with grant applications and make him aware of the new grant. **ACTION GT. DONE**
- Ask LN if he is willing to arrange for a supply of beer slops from the Stroud Brewery. **ACTION GT. DONE**
- Gigaclear – the cable will now run along the footpath and road. HB and JB to keep an eye on progress once construction on site begins. JB to ask KA when they plan to start. **ACTION JB.**
- Bike racks – the footpaths group have agreed to help with the bike rack installations. Cost will therefore be reduced to £200-£300 per site for materials. LB confirms there is £800-£900 available. Peter to contact LB directly. **ACTION LB.**
- HB confirmed that the 20mph speed limit campaign has the support from the PC.
- We are still in need of marshals for the community bike ride on Saturday 17th June. We currently have 4 but need at least another 3. JB might be able to help.
- Valley News – update copy with moth breakfast and send to editor. **ACTION GT. DONE**
- Bussage school have gone quiet over the proposed new hedge planting. GT to contact PTA. **ACTION GT. DONE**
- The wall by Middle Hill allotments is to be replaced with a hedge. There is an opportunity for the community to get involved with tree planting. Possible TK involvement. **ACTION GT. DONE.** Question over who is funding this.
HB suggested that David Lodwigs company might be willing to contribute. If digger is needed Chris Gardener could be approached.
- JB was concerned about the impact of the failure of First For Solar with people potentially losing their deposits. GT said she has received emails about this. This was not a ChalCAN project so we have no direct responsibility but agreed to continue with our approach of being sympathetic and directing people to Richard Dean who has information about a potential compensation scheme and an alternative supplier.

2. Energy plans/update

- No representative attended for the group and no update sent.

3. Biodiversity plans/update

- Updates needed to the Biodiversity page of the ChalCAN website. See AOB.

4. Transport plans/update

- The footpath group will help with the bike rack installations. More permanent signs will be erected if feedback from the family bike ride is positive.

5. Food and Waste Group/Update

- No representative attended for the group and no update sent.

6. Great Big Green Week Planning

- **Composting** - There was concern that there has not been enough interest in the composting workshop that is being held on Saturday 10th June as part of the GBGW. Jane Randell runs the Hilltop Gardening Club. Email Hilltop Gardening Club and ask them to share the composting workshop with their members. **ACTION GT. DONE** HB to provide GT with the contact details for Jane Randell. **ACTION HB.**
- **Composting** - Ask the PC to email their allotment holders details of the composting workshop. Ask KA for the contact. **ACTION GT. DONE**
- **Biodiversity Stand** - We need 4 people to man the stand, hand out leaflets etc. Ask CSSC or Ali or Josie where the leaflets were put that were left behind after the AGM. **ACTION GT. DONE**
- **Community Walk** – Is on the same day as the family bike ride. The walk is no longer to go via the Stroud Brewery with the bus back but instead will focus on areas within the Parish of special biodiversity importance. Claire Carpenter (CC) will lead the walk and the bike ride.
- **Family Bike Ride** – Message the cargo bike WhatsApp group about the community bike ride. **ACTION GT. DONE** HB will ask David Lodwig and Peter Ashcroft for help with marshalling the bike ride. **ACTION HB.** Plug Golden Valley Cycle Repairs on FB and tag. Website is www.gvcr.co.uk. **ACTION GT. DONE** HB to check with CC that route maps and safety information has been prepared. HB, CC and Pete will prep the route on Sunday and put up stickers etc. **ACTION HB.**

7. Newsletter

- Next one will go out in July.

8. Chalfest

- Takes place on 22nd July 2023. The PC are having a stand and have asked if ChalCAN want a board to include information on the biodiversity trail, the bike route, leaflets etc. Was decided to put this together at the next CG meeting.

9. Role of Chair

- Liz will continue as chair until 14th June and then JB will take over.

10. Finance update

- GT's invoices will be omitted from public files but will be available upon request.

11. AOB

- **Biodiversity** - JB has asked GT to update the Biodiversity page of the ChalCAN website with new copy and images. GT waiting for copy and images. **ACTION JB and GT.**
- **Website updates** - Remove the .gpx and .kml files from the Biodiversity Trail page of the website and look at replacing with an OS link instead. **ACTION GT. DONE**
- **Nature Street** - GT to use her contacts who live on Sycamore Grove to gain interest in the Nature Street event. **ACTION GT. DONE**
- **Moth Breakfast** - GT to write copy and include in the Valley News. **ACTION GT. DONE**

12. Date of the next meeting

Tuesday 4th July at 7.30pm.