

Pentewan Valley Parish Council – Climate Action Working Group

Meeting of Climate Action Working Group, held by Zoom

Date: Monday 4th April 2022 at 7.00pm

Present:

George Muskett
Stephen Street
John Sundercombe
Miranda Smith
Anthony Hereward
Toni Dowrick
Guest: Jeremy Roberts

Apologies for absence:

Vicky Cartwright
Francis Browne

1. Jeremy. White River Project. SWW are interested in the reedbed proposal at Menagwins and Jeremy is in touch with owner of fields and seeking to put both parties in contact. Remains positive. Jeremy also had a number of suggestions for doing mini projects in the area, for example:
 - a) Labelling drains;
 - b) SWW keen to raise awareness over some hot items – wet wipes, cotton buds.
 - c) Polgooth have invasive crayfish.
 - d) Assess fish population and how to encourage.
 - e) Birds always popular maybe encourage monitoring and board for birds spotted.
 - f) Woodland Trust, Malcolm Allen is manager – how to link in. Alec Hill helps with management. Maybe could link in and form volunteer group.
 - g) Maybe get seashore survey on Pentewan Sands. Mussel farm has some invasive species of seaweed. Could do training for Seashore Survey. CWT are running training session on Spit Beach in May.
 - h) Looking for seagrass beds offshore from Pentewan.
 - i) Farmer in Levalsa keen on tree planting.
 - j) Could set up a butterfly transect.
 - k) Maybe work with the rugby club to look at pollinators/ National Wildflower Centre.
 - l) Free refill station in Meva' car park – could one be in PV. (Refill is available at Pentewan Bike Shop and at London Apprentice)
 - m) EV bikes.
 - n) Get a renewable energy survey.
 - o) Funding – could people approach for small grants? AONB – should get them to help with projects.

GM thanked Jeremy for the input and mentioned that Caitlin at the Community Network was to raise the Landscape Recovery Scheme as a potential funding source with the EA when she meets with them.

2. MS: Sarah at Pengellys so helpful and priced up the planting list. Councillors will take it forward to the PVPC. Will go with list, although there are some plants that could not be supplied. GM planting up some seeds and AH offered PH to help.
MS: Trevithick and Trays would love to adopt the large planter and take on the planting up with a note on their sponsorship.
The Cornwall could be approached for the other planter. If not Toni will contact a couple of other local businesses.
3. The refusal by Pentewan Sands of the voluntary clearing by the weighbridge was discussed and it was suggested that the PVPC could write to Mr Willis to express its disappointment and to keep the possibility open for the future, as there were real safety concerns with children and others having to use the road to reach the beach from the car park GM will put it in report to council. TD will chat with Dave the Manager to see where the block is.
4. TD will chase Eden contact for the ecology boards.
5. GM asked for volunteers to do a stone-picking session at Menagwins CP. Thursday 7th at 3 pm was agreed.
6. NDP. SS updated group. We agreed to help deliver the leaflets.
7. Eileen Dunwell. Still looking how can best help.
8. GM noted that Surfers against Sewage are holding a nationwide protests against sewage pollution. Closest to us is Newquay at 1.00pm on April 23rd.
Also noted the Govt. consultation on storm overflows. Several had completed as private individuals.
9. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 3rd May 19.00: maybe in person, probably on Zoom AH gave his apologies.

