

Pentewan Valley Parish Council – Climate Action Working Group

Meeting of Climate Action Working Group, held by Zoom

Date: Tuesday 3rd May 2022

Present:

George Muskett
Stephen Street
John Sundercombe
Francis Browne

1. Apologies for absence:

Miranda Smith
Toni Dowrick

2. Tree Nursery- Francis reported that he had contacted Moor Trees of Totnes, who were offering a “Copse in a Box” and he was awaiting on root trainers to start off seeds later in the year. Penrice was too big a project and he is looking for a smaller project. Currently there are oak , ash and sweet chestnut available. However he would like to propagate horse chestnut as he believes these may be more resistance to the disease affecting King’s Wood and also Penrice.

It was thought that this may give rise to trees for Eileen Dunwell’s land if she was willing to be a pilot project for the current trees and any others available.

3 Weighbridge Area – Mike Ward, Chair of the Parish Council agreed to speak with John Willis and it was suggested that the work on the weighbridge may be a suitable project for CIL funding. John Willis has now indicated his willingness for the parish to explore the funding route with a view to making the area safe for a pedestrian access and generally tidying it up. It was agreed that this should be progressed by Steve and George to meet the deadline for expressions of interest of 23rd June, subject to endorsement by the Parish. The expression of interest just needs to set out a brief summary of the project and what it will achieve.

4. Menagwins – Miranda sent through an update in which she confirmed that she was awaiting on Pengellys concerning plant delivery times. GM indicated that he would be looking at the week commencing 23rd May to start the planting. Miranda is meeting with the Cornwall to discuss them adopting the second planter and was to follow up Trevithick and Trays offer to plant up the large planter. Also will be meeting James Mustoe on Wednesday.

GM confirmed that the stone picking had been completed with thanks to John Sundercombe and Pauline Hereward. He had also scattered wildflower seed over the internal bank, just before the recent rain.

Toni Dowrick had reported to the last Parish meeting that Eden did not seem to be able to help with notices for the fence. It had been suggested that St Austell Bay Economic Forum may be a useful contact.

GM suggested that perhaps South West Water may have some environmental issues they could promote through such notices. He would contact to find out.
Francis noted that there is a great deal of overflow at the car park on occasions, with parking on the road both in front and to the rear of the Sewage Works.

5. Neighbourhood Development Plan – leaflets were still being prepared.

6. Ecology as part of our Terms of Reference – a lot of what we are doing has an ecological element as well as climate change. Tree planting serves both purposes. We also have the ambition to roll-out wildflower planting down the valley.

Cornwall Council declared an Ecological Emergency last year and many of our ambitions fall within its remit. For instance the Local Nature Recovery Strategy short term priorities include wetland and naturalised watercourses.

It was thought that now is the time to do this. GM to look at the terms and re-daft to reflect ecology for consideration by the Parish.

7. White River Project – GM noted that there is an on-line meeting this Thursday which includes updates on the meetings held with SWW, Imerys and the EA and preparing for the presentation to the Catchment Partnership.

8. AOB – Sustrans is organising a stakeholder engagement workshop to be able to draw on local knowledge and experience and help shape a Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan for St Austell. A virtual meeting will take place on 17th May. As this appears restricted to councillors GM agreed to attend if John Sundercombe would draft some bullet point. There was concern that the congestion at the “McDonalds” roundabout was leading to more use of the Tregorrick Road and this would only increase if more development was allowed to exit onto the Pentewan Road.

9. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 6th June. 7.00pm

