

PV CAG on Zoom

Date: Monday 10th January 2022

Present:

Vicky Cartwright
George Muskett
Miranda Smith
John Sundercombe
Anthony Hereward
Toni Dowrick
Stephen Street
Francis Browne (local tree warden)

1. Appointment of chair. George kindly agreed for this year. Possibly rotate chair in subsequent years. All most grateful and will support George in whatever way is appropriate and possible. The main and most onerous role is taking back ideas to the PC.
2. Tree planting and wild flowers in Pentewan. There's a space owned by Eileen Dunwell who is keen to have the patch planted. VC may have some trees available from the stock provided to her by the Plant-a-Tree Foundation, who may be up for coming along, soil testing and advice as to what would do best. MS described where this patch is; it is visible from the bridleway and so may be eligible for Woodland Trust. VC will get back with list of trees to MS.
Pentewan Sands probably will have land for trees too. FB keen to use local stock or even start own tree nursery. Watering Lane Nursery probably will no longer be a nursery. Some discussion whether Sam Corfield at Heligan Mill would be a good contact for trees. TD also has contact at Eden. VC asked if Toni could also raise the suggestion of recycling any environmental information boards for use at Menagwins.
3. FB introduced himself and his work as tree warden. Passionate about idea starting a tree nursery, as the big problem the UK faces is lack of tree nurseries. Tree warden is a voluntary position with no power. FB learning much on tree planting techniques and management especially the first three years after planting. VC suggested that if a tree nursery was available tourists could sponsor to plant a tree. FB is making enquiries about possible funding to start a tree nursery. This is something that the group could support and FB will keep us in touch with progress. FB also suggested that this could work on a household basis, with say, each household planting 100 seeds a year, or maybe involve schools, scouts, guides. Collecting viable seeds is key to this as there is a need to collect at the right time and to know the stock. Next opportunity for this is in the Autumn. VC thinks that Sam Corfield could help in this and TD agreed to contact. Another contact for FB could be Colin Harker at Tywardreath.

Wildflower planting. MS has approached owners of River Valley to see about wildflower sponsorship on the trail. MS agreed to ask if they would sponsor the planting at Menagwins through their farm shop at LA, with appropriate acknowledgement on site.

4. Pentewan Sands weighbridge area. MS has spoken with Graham, the manager – he's keen but too busy at present. Want to develop and so on but not the high priority as main building at PS is being renovated so taking all energy. Maybe we could start as volunteer group. MS spoke with James Mustoe and he has some contacts to help. VC agrees we need to start now. MS says it will be good to establish access from the car park to the beach, but stabilising the old weighbridge would need to be Graham's team. MS has arranged a site meeting with James M for 2 pm on Sunday 23rd January 2022, meet outside the pub.
5. Reed bed. Ownership is still uncertain. A possible owner has been suggested as the Hawkes at LA. TD will call on the Hawkes. There is a wider meeting on the White River Project this Thursday at 3 pm. VC suggested that Luxulyan Valley were doing works to improve the river and undertake planting. FB has a link to the planting and may enquire as to who is involved in river works. MS forwarded a link to its site.
6. Nature Recovery Survey is principally for local councils. It is fact-finding to understand what local councils are doing. VC suggests we all look at it, in particular those on the PC, so that views can be taken forward there. The aim is to try and develop a tool-kit for councils.
7. Menagwins. Still wanting contacts with Heligan and Eden for any old environmental related info' boards. TD knows someone in Eden who may help. VC still trying to track down painting team who did Asda tunnel to paint gate. GM thinks they were disbanded. TD will contact Aza - Meva' artist.

GM has obtained three quotes, James Brown, A&A Maintenance and Acorn Landscapes. James Brown is the cheapest at £1,100. MS recommends JB. GM will take forward to PC for ratification. GM confirmed that the Parish Clerk has said that as work is maintenance no consent is required from CC, apart from possibly the fence work.

8. Signage still on hold as staff member is still off sick.
9. VC will stand back but hopes to still join in. GM thanked her for all she had done for the group. FB happy to join the group.
10. Date of next meeting: Monday 7th February 2022 19.00hrs.