

Sustainable Chulmleigh working towards a greener future...

Minutes: Tuesday 18th March 2025

Facilitating: Jack Present: Nick, Amy, Julie, Claire Apologies: Dorette, Kelly

1. Welcome

2. Minutes and APs from last meeting (12 Feb)

Primary School links	AP Amy find out more about the climate resilience plan	
(Kelly and Julie):	AP Kelly get SC event dates into the school newsletter	
	AP Amy lead on assembly re Blue Hearts	
Allotment (Claire/ Nick):	AP Jack/ Claire In next Chulm and newsletter we will announce the allotment's next stage for the community.	Not done as only just sorted
Cadbury Pond	AP Jack to chase re grant	Update under agenda item
Roborough Rewilders:	AP Jack to contact Ashreigny Neil to join us	Done and Neil on board
21st June		
Balance the Scales – beaver film (Kelly/ Dorette)	AP Nick is seeing Pete so can mention it.	Jack emailed Beaver.org now approved to show after 1/4 – N/D to lead
Grants	AP Amy - chase up DWT pool of wildlife friendly equip	Done
	AP Jack to put wildlife apps in newsletter	Done
Newsletter	AP Kelly contact Camilla re getting photo of kids with eco mag	On website
AOB	AP Kelly investigate grant Miriam has mentioned £500.	
	AP Claire to send grants link to Amy for her to look at.	Done

All APs completed, on-going or covered in minutes below

3. Past events debrief

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Event		Comments	APs		
Black Ops and Beaver Bombing		All agreed was well received. Made a £35			
	(Feb 28 th)	profit. Some of the donations were foreign or			
	· · · ·	old coins! Discussion followed that we			
		probably need to ask for a small entrance fee			
		for future events. New venue was popular			
		and cheaper, though			
	Biosphere Nature Recovery	Nick, Claire and Jack were invited by Mike			
	Workshop (March 4th).	Moser. Opportunity to show what we're doing			
		in Sustainable Chulmleigh			
	Pied Flycatcher nest box	Made thirty boxes. The event had kindly been	AP Nick ask Mike Moser if		
	building Hall (March 8 th)	entirely sponsored. Made a £29 profit.	he's got any logs for the		
		Wonderful event that involved Amber whose	churchyard seating. Also		
		volunteers were much appreciated.	discussed hedgehog box		
			building in the autumn if		
			wood allows.		

4. Upcoming Projects and Events - to be discussed if there are any updates

Project/ Event	Led by	Comments	APs
Churchyard	Claire/ Nick	See above on seating.	
Allotment	Claire/ Nick	The Chulmleigh Allotment Association has an obligation to involve community groups. Our allotment is fulfilling this brief for them as we will be engaging with the community.	AP Claire and Jack to collect compost and manure from Amy.
Cadbury Pond	Jack	Guiding groups from Chulmleigh are going to come and do some pond dipping with Mandy. All work has to be completed in the first year in a ten year project as per the Freshwater Grant conditions from the from the National Trust. We only receive half of the grant funding upfront so will need to source these finances and then pay back.	AP can committee members do a walk through to check accessibility, etcdate tba AP Jack list of events to be decided



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Farm Producers	Claire/Jack with Jo Moser	Jo has passed 16 local producers for Jack to add to the website.	AP Jack to start to build project on website
Crafting Day	Amy	Carry over.	
Blue Hearts	Kelly/ Julie/ Amy)	Julie fed back the current state of play with this national project. Kelly has worked hard to enthuse a number of parents and volunteers to get involved in both school related activities and the blue heart campaign Julie explained what the little blue hearts were for and Amy has offered to sort leaflets to accompany them for school to go home with the children's little blue hearts. Julie suggested that a copy of the leaflet could go on the newsletter at the same time. Nick commented that we will have now spent £135 on the blue heart campaign and it was agreed that from now on it should be self sustaining with grant funding and donations for hearts etc? Jack wondered if Kelly could look to see if PTFA have any funds to help out with projects such as these and could Kelly please forward information to Jack about 1st April event asap.	AP Nick to order blue heart items from Kelly's wish list AP Amy agreed she would look at funding opportunities and AP Julie mentioned that we can ask for a donation when a heart is given out AP Kelly to approach PTFA AP Kelly to forward 1 st April info to Jack for website
Amber -	Everyone	Discussion followed on the types of event that	AP Amy to liaise with
involvement in future events		might be suitable.	Jack about setting date for tree planting
Book group and SC book collection	Nick/ Claire	No update	
Repair Café 22 nd March 1pm till 4pm	Claire/ Julie	Nick has already done £25 of sharpening. Julie, Amy, Andy, Kelly, Miriam and Vic will be available on the day. Pull the door shut at the end and leave tables as they are. Hall is already booked and paid for.	AP Julie create generic RA for repair cafes AP Claire will drop float and refreshments beforehand.
Coffee Morning April 5 th to raise funds	Claire	If anyone else has anything to donate, please bring along to raise fundsmuch appreciated.	AP Julie is happy to do a kid's activity and can bring eggs. AP Jack to bring willow whips.
Plant Hunt April 27 th 2pm till 4pm	Jack	No update	
Broadridge Farm tour 30 th April 2pm till evening	Dorette	No update	
Taw River Dairy Visit 28 th May 2pm till 4pm	Jack	No update	
Roborough Rewilders 21 st June	Jack	No update	
Chalk and Talk May tbc	Kelly	No update	
Summer Gathering 19 th July	Nick/Claire/Jack	Nick, Jack, Claire and Amy have formed a sub committee to start organising it and are meeting	



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Project/ Event Led by		Comments	APs	
		on the 25th March to start organising…will feed back at the next meeting.		
An Evening with SC Autumn	Jack	No update		

5. Grants update

Grant	Led by	Comments
Freshwater – approved and 50% money on the way/ need to discuss events	Jack/ Amy	See above under Cadbury Cottage
Green Scythe for crafting	Amy	No news
Nineveh Charitable Trust for equipment for walks and talks -	Jack/ Nick	Jack in process of applying
NatureSaveTrust –next window May	Jack	Waiting to apply
Any other?		Amy has applied for the CAG grant.

6. New events/ projects

Project/ Event	Led by	Comments	APs
WRT / Sus Chulm event spring and Great UK Water Blitz 25 th - 28 th April	Amy/ Jack/ Nick	Sustainable Chulmleigh is taking part in Water Blitz and kits have been ordered.	AP Jack to do water monitoring course on 21 st March
Guides Pond Dipping at CC	Amy/ Jack	14 th May and/or 5 th June	AP Amy and Jack to liaise re equipment and plan
Litter pick	Amy/ Nick	With plastic free North Devon. Plan to do one in November time so there's less foliage to help find litter.	
Climate Choir	Dorette	Already been invited to one event, to discuss further	
Barnstaple Museum display 2026	Nick	Looking for community groups. Plenty of photos, may have some other items e.g. panel and squares that plan to make.	AP Nick to register this week (deadline 31 st March)
Balance the Scales – beaver film	Nick/ Dorette	Is being organised. Details to follow. Will be post 1 st April	

7. Other

- Display posters no update
- Newsletter/ mailing list /website news: ideas for next interviews (men!!!) / mailing lists stats AP Jack to bring stats to next meeting
- Maddy as advisor our thanks to her. Could have an 'ask Maddy's section on our website.
- Future speakers: from Maddy Lindsay Mahon (Devon Wildlife Trust's Citizen Science Officer lichens and bats

8. AOB

- Following the Biosphere meeting, Claire, Nick and Jack met Will Frost who is Biosphere DRIP coordinator...and yesterday he walked to the Little Dart and recommended two monitoring plates above and below the sewage works. Sustainable Chulmleigh will monitor these.
- Amy has asked is anyone interested in a visit to a waste plant in Exeter? Let us know.

Date for next meeting

- SC AGM Wednesday 7th May 6:30pm
- AP Julie to do a general report for the year for the above.