

Notes Climate Emergency Response Group

15 June 2021

Present

Cllr Jacqi Hodgson

Sylvia Dell (minutes)

Richard O'Connell (recycling)

Lesley Nel

David Cutting

Charlie West (Sth Devon Greens)

Toni Spencer

Jem Friar

Sue Misselbrook (Bridgetown, Berry Pomeroy counsellor)

Cllr Ray Hendricksen

Chris Watson

Sue Bethel

Cllr Joseph Rose

John Cummings

Cllr Georgina Allen

2. Notes from the last meeting - forwarded after meeting - at this [2021 05 18 Notes Climate Emergency Working Group](#) –

- Matters Arising - progress on not cutting verges
 - Signs - “Please don’t cut” - suggest for TTC to produce a small sign with stick
 - Dartmouth Cemetery had Open Day with 2 ecologists explaining what
 - SM explained about prolific meadow owned by Livwest which has been cut completely - LN offered to speak with Charlotte at Livwest to facilitate the community taking more responsibility for maintaining verges
 - Devon Parish & Town Council Wildlife Network [Wild About Devon Launch Tickets, Mon 28 Jun 2021 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)
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3. Climate & Ecological Emergency progress at Devon County Council and South Hams District Council

- Discussion
- JH will bring this back to SHDC as soon as it has been retabled back in Parliament

4. Thoughts, discussion & perhaps a proposal for a Sustainable Packaging project in Totnes:
Lead by Robyn Copley-Wilkins

- Sustainable packaging researcher previously working for Riverford, now working as independent consultant - would like to work as liaison with the bigger stores like Morrisons

- She sent apologies for this evening - meeting agreed that she will be invited at next meeting

5. G7 in Cornwall - outcomes: Discussion

- Lots of interesting discussion
- Future topic for discussion - revisit activities leading up to COP26

6. Bird Roosting habitat needs & making bird boxes

- Making session to make bird boxes, bat boxes, and bug hotel
- Chris Watson : some free bird box plans freshpatio.com/10-birdhouse-plans-under-3-dollars
- Chris Watson : pdf file with plans for some bird boxes available on <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1koSaaD0LE7RTbQHjeYxn6HuCTsoqrhQn/view?usp=sharing>
- RSPB <https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-families/family-wild-challenge/activities/build-a-birdbox/>
- CW provide scrap wood, JH to collect in trailer
- RH provide some scrap wood
- **Date agreed for workshop 18 July, from 2-4pm, Ackerlls Field**, Ackerlls Hill, Littlehempston. TQ9 6LX. on the A381 towards N.Abbott from Totnes, take the road to Littlehempston (marked Tally Ho, by the bus stop) follow the road over the 3 way old bridge, turn right at Ashtree Cross (before going under the rail bridge), go past all the cottages for the first 200m, our gate is about 200m on the right past the bungalow by the public footpath entrance
- If this session goes well, then rerun it as a public event in civic square
- JH - Invite Malcolm Baldwin (Staverton) - to speak about hedge laying, and also planting shrub plants (hawthorn, blackthorn)
- Also make hog boxes for hedgehogs

7. Items for future meetings

- Sustainable Packaging project in Totnes: Lead by Robyn Copley-Wilkins
- Plans for COP26
- Malcolm Baldwin (Staverton) - to speak about hedge laying, and encouraging wildlife in hedgerows
- Update on EV chargers - CW

8. Any Other Business (time permitting)

- Transition Town Totnes Public Engagement
 - tonispencer88@gmail.com and Alana Bloom
 - Employed by TTT to become Public Engagement Champions, following on from work done in 2019 during Totnes Conversation
 - Aim to cross pollinate between TTT projects and the CERG

- First meeting Thur 17 and Saturday 19 June, to introduce the champions to each other, explore new projects and what role does TTT have now - leading to identifying gaps and bridge-building between existing and new projects.
- Date of future meetings
 - Next meeting Tues 20th July - 6.00 - 8.00pm