

# Swanton Morley Parish Council

## Climate Action Working Group

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 13 April 2022

At 7.30pm in Swanton Morley Village Hall – Bar Area

Attended by: Geoffrey Curran (Cllr), Jane Fabisz, Alasdair Monteith, Chris Taylor, Lynda Baham and Gerry Palmer

Apologies from: Emma Raines

### **1 Review of previous meetings minutes**

All approved

### **2 Progress on actions from previous meetings**

#### **Review actions for event on 23 April**

##### **-Layout of venue**

It was agreed that we will use the main hall setting up tables and chairs for speakers and using the display boards and walls for posters.

##### **-Information for display boards**

School posters

Main CASM posters

##### **-Wishing Tree / labels**

Geoffrey has sourced a recycled pot and Alasdair will provide a branch

Geoffrey to bring sand

Jane to get white pens

Chris to sort labels and bags

It was agreed that we would get things started with a few ideas:

Electric car charging point at the Village Hall

Plant more wildflowers

Litter Picking

Tree Nursery

Water Butts at the Village Hall

##### **-Speakers**

Mark Hudson is unable to attend, and Geoffrey will give a talk on composting instead. All others ok to attend. Please bring recycling items for Northgate School and ask anyone you know who might attend or publicise on social media

##### **-Wildflower seed distribution**

Seeds have been purchased and bagged up ready to give away

Linda B to make seed bombs with remainder of seeds

-Publicity for event

Everyone to share on social media including CASM and SM facebook pages

Jane to contact EDP and other local media to share event

-Time of arrival to set up hall

It was agreed that an hour before will be sufficient so 9.30am start time to set up.

Jane and Alasdair to sort suitable non-descript background music.

Total cost of event to date:

Display Boards	£292.80
Posters and Leaflets	£56.51
Labels and bags	£9.08
Seeds	£49.99
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£408.38</b>

It was noted that the Church have a St George's Day event where refreshments will be on offer so we can encourage anyone to visit after.

### **3. Update from Breckland climate action**

Geoffrey provided an update: Michel Bolaboto and Greg Pearson are climate officers at Breckland Council and Greg has agreed to attend the event on 23 April. We can pass on any thought / wishes from the tree if appropriate and/or find out if any funding is available to support the CASM and /or Parish Council to action any of the suggestions.

It may be that they can attend a monthly meeting as well to talk to the group about what Breckland is doing in relation to the climate emergency.

We can also ask about whether there is any funding available for an electric car charging point at the Village Hall.

### **4. Tree and Hedge Survey**

Geoffrey has sent a blank form to Kelly to send out to anyone who has planted trees in the last few years so we can monitor progress in the future.

### **5. Tree Nursery**

Contact has been made with James Keith re the small plot in the corner of the allotment patch. He has agreed verbally but would be better to have it in writing – Jane to speak to Kelly.

Alasdair has been in touch with Norfolk County Council (Emma Stone) who have said that funding is available for the project.

Alasdair explained that the best time to plant saplings would be in October and proposed that we hold a planning festival then to get the project started. The aim is to start with about 30 saplings collected from the woodland areas that would otherwise die off. Gerry said that the

saplings will need to be protected from deer as well. Hopefully funding will help set up a protected area if needed.

## **6. Any other long-term plans**

- Encourage Parish Council and Village Hall to be more environmentally friendly:

Water Butts – for wildlife

Electric Car Charging point

Recycling bin

Gerry said that his daughter works for Warwick and can get hold of their policy to see what they are doing.

Linda B asked about the land in front of Lincoln House and the verges in the village – would be good for wildflowers Geoffrey to bring up at next PC meeting

Geoffrey said that some were with Breckland and some with Norfolk but there was a planned “No Mow May” so unlikely that they would be cut anytime soon.

Geoffrey asked that Alasdair be added as administrator to the CASM facebook page to add photos and promote CASM more effectively.

**7. Date of next meeting 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – 7.30pm**