Greening Steyning Meeting Notes for 10-1-2023


Apologies: Geoff, Sally, (Frank)

1. Demo of proposed website
   Melissa took us through the new structure. Feedback suggested we combine reuse, repair and recycle.
   Action: Project leads to review the pages for their projects this week with plan to launch new website next week and suggest links to go onto their project pages.

2. Wildlife gardening newsletter?
   Action: Request for editor at Green drinks volunteer day.

3. Garden open day plans/leadership
   Action: Laura to talk to UB, Ronnie to talk to Steyning. Budget for this work to £540.

4. Accounts
   Date in heading needs to be updated to say 2022. Nicola to be voted on at AGM.

5. Green Drinks 18th Jan, Posts on Social media to invite people to find out what we are doing. Structure of event summarised by Vicci. Volunteers to be given a lanyard to entitle them to a free drink. Need for new volunteers will be highlighted by Geoff.
   - Geoff doing wine and glasses
   - Robin doing beer and glasses
   - SG to arrive at 7 if possible.
   - Prop for the tables
   - People to run bar: Shona, John G, Laura, Sarah.
   - Vicci to meet and greet.

6. Feb green drinks – Ask Nick Mills to talk about Bramber Brooks
   Action John, Robin, Vicci
   - March 21st, Rick Goring, sustainable agriculture.
   - May 23rd Gerry Thompson, Wildlife Gardens, -promote with bookshop. (Nicola)
   - Action: Laura to talk to Elephant ecologist to talk about elephants as gardeners
   - June Walk to St Columba
   - Nick Mills and Co to talk about Adur corridor project when they are ready
   - Date tbc - Steyning Bookshop has asked us to co-sponsor a talk by author Mike Dilger, A Thousand Shades of Green quest to find 1,000 plant species over the course of a year. Action Geoff
   - Meeting with some of SG with Henfield arranged.
   - A talk on the solar farm (when construction complete),
7. Transport discussion
   Vicci to talk to Rick Goring re improving access to Wiston by changing stiles.
   Note Brighton & Hove and Stagecoach offering flat ticket of £2 for any journey.
   Publicise on social media (Shona)

8. Your Steyning rota? Send dates to Melissa. Should we have a rota of items to be put in the magazine. RC, Fridge, Home Energy, 20s Plenty, Verge, Climate Café (March) Wild Gardens, Life cycle/Climate tracker (April), recycling, plus 3 more.
   Action: Melissa to talk with Geoff and confirm schedule.

9. Eco station – maybe at the May fair on 29th May, or UBPS fair (24th June).
   Decided UB more impact.
   Action: Vicci to speak to Carrie about reduced cost and UB parish councils.

10. GYSAD – currently run 4 times a year. Lots of questions on FB but very few people posted about stuff they were giving away. Vicci suggested we do it once a month, and have a dedicated FB page or stop it –
    Action: Robin to speak to Pete. Maybe leave as is or stop. Petes call.

11. Fashion show, after 11th March RC. 5-6 PM. Contact schools to promote and arrange pick up points.
    Action: Robin to book hall. Robin to speak to School groups. Shona to coordinate and organise rails.

12. Melissa showed up mock-up of 6 column flier. Brilliant!
    Action: Laura/Melissa to talk to Ben in UB re doing recycling logo.

Next Meetings: 14th March 8:00pm Geoff’s house
9th May (Robin and Vicci apologies)