

Transition King's Cliffe



Regular Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday 11th May @ 8.00pm

Meeting held via Google Meet due to Coronavirus restrictions.

Present: Dave Graham (Chair), Kate Moss (Vice chair), Charles Tomalin (Secretary), April Sotomayor

Apologies: Anna Stockley, Mike Henchy (Treasurer)

Reports / Actions / Updates

1. <u>Food Group</u>	
<u>Mini Allotments</u> Mower services and monies refunded to Anna	
<u>Community Garden</u> Community garden meeting with KCA and PECT was interesting - PECT team have lots of expertise. Unclear about funding. They aren't tied to Active and really the whole thing needs to assess what is actually needed in the village – Simon Fairhall didn't know we had a new orchard, for example. And needs parish council to ok it. I am going to suggest they do a low maintenance Forest garden type area in the corner of active that the school could use, and it could have some friendship benches and wildflower areas, and then I am asking if separately/alongside we could do a garden on oak lane park, at the top, which has better access for the village to use. Active one likely to be used for Pip (Simon's wife) to do wellness activities referred by Wansford practice so people driving in likely anyway. I'm more interested/I think TKC is more in line with a village resource for the village. Will keep you updated.	Anna
<u>Community Orchard</u> No report, although it is believed that workparties have restarted.	
2. <u>Transport Group</u>	
<u>Bikefix</u> No direct report but Bikefix did restart on 1 st May and was very busy.	
3. <u>Environmental Strategy</u>	
<u>Strategy</u> Focussing on connections and impact to the local community with respect to environmental, climate, waste, biodiversity, and associated issues. Current financial reserves are sufficient to support a proper programme, and additional grants may be available for example to produce quality leaflets for a house to house drop or even a 2022 calendar (replacement for the 2021 heritage calendar issued across the village). Carried Forward	

<p>Government funding is apparently becoming available for climate friendly projects, but there is little local awareness.</p> <p><u>Electric Vehicles</u> How can we support and encourage the use of EVs in the village? Unclear who we should be contacting about this – e.g. Northants council about support for local initiatives, streetside charging points? Dave to research. Dave to speak to Tim Pollard about EV options, and see if we can start getting the message out – FB?</p> <p><u>Air Monitors</u> Dave has made contact with Adam Gumbrecht, the Environmental Protection Officer at ENC (Soon to be NNC). He has declined to do any monitoring here, but has made some suggestion. Dave to forward contact info to April, to then contact the school about a banner and support for an air quality project.</p> <p><u>Solar panels and community solar.</u> Mike to report back on how Oundle transition got on with their solar panel project. Anything we can learn? Useful to know why KCA doesn't have solar panels. Kate to enquire.</p>	<p>April</p> <p>Dave Dave</p> <p>Dave/April</p> <p>Mike Kate</p>
<p>4. <u>Wildplaces</u></p>	
<p><u>Meadow Bridge (project 2021/22).</u> Revised costs £117K - Bridge repairs £102K Footpath materials £10K Contingency £5K Augean application submitted for £50K. (Requires £5K contribution to costs so nett would be £45K) (Decision July) Maud Elkington charitable trust submitted for £20K (Decision June) National Lottery application was submitted for £20K, but initial feedback is not positive due to ownership issues. Landowner may contribute the balance of £35K (board meeting early May)</p> <p><u>Other work since last meeting</u> Second workparty laying rocks on second drift path completed. Half of path now done</p> <p><u>Work Scheduled</u> May public workparty going ahead on 23rd May – after Covid relaxation allows up to 30 people to meet. A number of jobs at meadow bridge to be done.</p> <p><u>Rockingham Forest Vision</u> No update</p> <p><u>WithNature2020</u> Project not progressing due to the leader changing jobs. However an alternative is being done at Fermyn Woods. No further update on this.</p> <p><u>Adders</u> ARG grant successful, so adder tracking should take place later in the summer to establish movements and hopefully their hibernation locations.</p> <p>No sightings from Kingsmead this year which suggests the floods may have killed the 5+ individuals seen last year. The adder fence appears to have acted as a dam, creating the 'lake' where it is thought these adders were hibernating. Opportunity to get the fence dismantled or at least perforated. Contact sympathetic councillors about getting this on the PC agenda.</p>	<p>Charles</p> <p>Charles</p> <p>Charles</p>

5. Finance		
B/fwd balance at 08/03/2021	<u>£5,628</u>	
<u>In</u>		
Bikefix contribution	10	
<u>Out</u>		
Wix fees	74	
Wildplaxes membrane	65	
Mower service	75	
<u>Balance At 01/05/2021</u>	<u>£5,423</u>	
<u>From this, budgeted outgoings to August 2021 –</u>		
Email and hosting	£120 (12 months at £10)	
Replacement power scythe blade	£100	
Nett budgeted expenditure	<u>£220</u>	
Leaves unallocated balance of circa <u>£5,200</u> for 2021, up to August		
Note: it has been agreed to reserve £2000 balance, so <u>£3,200</u> is available for other projects.		
6. Communications		
<u>Membership Engagement</u>		
We now have over 500 people following the Facebook group, and more on the email distribution list not on facebook. This is a good opportunity to engage and spread messages about how to meet the climate and related challenges. Carried forward		All
<u>Facebook</u>		
All are encouraged to post activities to FB. Should use with pictures to publicise the allotments, bike rack installations, Pytchell orchard, etc. Post to TKC page and then share to Community.		
For best effect, posts should be mainly original (not 'shared') and relate to Kings Cliffe area directly. For example, could post Mark Ayres' video about the recent flooding with comment on connection to climate change. Carried forward		All
Website – everyone to check current content for updates and advise Kate.		All
Kate to publish the minutes on the website and advise via Facebook when they are posted. Also maybe pdf of latest Gazette article on FB page.(and website?)		Kate Kate
<u>Tom Pursglove</u>		
Following the communication with Tom about the climate change bill, two responses have been received. Dave will generate a response for circulation. Carried forward		Dave
7. Xmas Fair		
Decided to delay any decision on the 2022 Christmas fair until the likely Covid situation is clearer. Possibly a street based selling day in the Summer might be an alternative, although very dependant on weather.		
Anna to approach Ben Coulthard about possibly organising this year.		Anna
Decision on whether to proceed at next meeting – July.		All

8. <u>Any Other Business</u>	
<p><u>Coregroup Social</u> it was decided to have a picnic get together at the Pytchell, on 18th June, from 6.30pm onwards. Bring blankets, chairs, food drink etc. All coregroup members, partners and children invited!!</p>	All
<p><u>Willow Lane</u> Decided not to get further involved publicly in the DMMO application for Willow Lane. It may be on the next PC agenda, but the PC support is not a requirement for the application to go through and further public debate from TKC does not support our objective of building the community, as there are strongly held opposing views.</p>	
<p><u>Post lockdown</u> Ideas welcome for some kind of project/event for post lockdown. Ant suggested some kind of photography collective/presentation. Carried forward</p>	All
<p><u>Community resilience award</u> April suggested we might look to present an award to a few community members who have shown or contributed to the community wellbeing over the Covid crisis – maybe in environmental activities. Forward ideas to April!</p>	April
<p><u>Next meeting date</u> Next TKC meeting 6th July. Likely face-to-face. Venue to be decided nearer the time,</p>	All

Charles Tomalin

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