

## **WE 22 March 2021**

Sorry! I forgot to record the zoom meeting!

### **Solar streets**

- Good meeting with Arif, Saf and Fay last Thursday about the Council somehow lending its support to the project. Wait to hear back.

Action:

- Ellen to share with Arif, Saf and Fay that if we can get clarity on the form of endorsement by 15<sup>th</sup> April, Solar Streets could launch the scheme in June.

### **Bees**

Ed outlined the project Hazlemere is running

- Called 'Bee Squared'.
- 1sqm wildflowers in front garden, so bees can go from garden to garden.
- 4000 packets of seeds to be given out – the whole parish
- 2gm per packet
- 8kg being ordered from supplier
- And 4000 brown envelopes
- Volunteers to pack
- If no volunteer packing £3k
- £1,300/£1,400 costs, covered by sponsorship.
- Hazlemere Parish Council receiving the sponsorship, and making the seed order etc.
- Already have 50 volunteers offering to help with packing
- Leaflet go out with it.
- Back of the leaflet a poster to put up in the window saying taking part.
- Great way to introduce biodiversity and climate to residents in Hazlemere.
- Also 'rewilding' an area of 'amenity grassland' near some bungalows.

Other ideas

- Can we change the way verges are mown? David Sutherland mentioned this.
- Corby has little signs 'pardon the weeds we're feeding the bees'
- Potential for Red Kite in the way they manage their open spaces
- Kara at meeting last week of Marsh & Mickfield Big Local about the work they are already doing on a bee corridor.
- FoE did a Bee information leaflet a few years ago.
- Flowers don't have to be wild – most flowers will do. And good to stretch the season if possible.

## Conclusions and actions

- We all liked the Hazlemere project – a bit short of time this year, so a pilot agreed.
- Kara and Penelope to liaise with Marsh and Micklefield and see if there is appetite to do a Hazlemere style project in that area.
- Ed to check the Hazlemere seed suppliers to see if they can double their supply
- Kara to use her influence in her role as Asset and Land Manager at Red Kite to see what opportunities there are for more wild flowers on Red Kite open spaces
- Penelope to pick up verge maintenance with Saf and Arif.
- Jean to look out the FoE Bee leaflet – already done! See link: <http://www.wycombefoe.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Bee-Leaflet-final-2019.pdf>
- All to promote flowers (wild or otherwise) in facebook and other groups that we are in, and in our own posts – the FoE leaflet gives an ‘easy win’ with this.
- Sally to investigate if we can get hold of any of the corby signs, price etc – depending on price/availability, we are thinking of ‘handing these out’ to households (are yet to be defined) to encourage people to not mow all the lawn etc.