

WE Actions 09 August 2021

Recurring zoom link for August:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82315094575?pwd=ZHdCWVob3RuK0FkWnk5WDBNdWlpUT09>

Repair Café

There will be a repair café on Saturday! Well done to Maddy for getting it off the ground. Confirmed 2 seamstresses and Nigel. Maddie has been promoting on Wycombe Sound. Arrive 9.45 for 10.00 start. Cars can come into the church yard to off-load kit, and then parked off-site. Actions:

- **Maddy (or team):** insurance – if not able to get our own insurance in time to use Marsh and Mickelfield or with their permission Marlow
- **Penelope** to let Maddy have Olwen's email address because Maddy isn't getting a response from the Transitions Town Marlow
- **Hugh** to look out sandwich boards, and line up other kit (including 4 tables)
- **All** to come along during the morning and cheer!

Community Networks

Between us we identified a good number of newsletters and on-line networks:

- Marsh and Mickelfield has the Mayfly, the editor is Maddy
- Totteridge and Terriers has the T&T, also covers Amersham Hill. The person to contact is David
- Penn and Tylers Green has Village Voice run by Kathy O'Leary
- Sands has a Facebook group - Nigel to forward person
- Booker and Cressex Facebook page is run by Julie Collard.
- Booker Cressex and Castlefield, including Oakridge, also has a Facebook page, run by Madasar
- Hazlemere has a newsletter
- Totteridge and Bowerdean has a Facebook group – but it is not very active.
- Nothing much in the Loudwater area.

Actions:

- **Someone who gets the T&T,** to let Penelope have David's contact details please.
- **Nigel** to forward to Penelope who is charge of the Sands Facebook page
- **Majid** to let Penelope have contact details for Madasar.
- **Holly** to let Penelope know about the newsletter in Hazlemere
- **Penelope** to put this list on a second tab on the Action Log on the website

Social Media

Holly has set up a Facebook page. Thank you Holly!

- **Everyone** to like/join this group, and to use posts to forward in their own networks.

Newsletter

Big thanks to Jean making the cut-down newsletter pretty! Nigel pointed out the need to say that spare parts need to be paid for by the owner of the item they are bringing to the repair café, and some other typos (thanks!!).

- **Jean** to make final pdf
- **Penelope** to send out to schools etc (actions from previous meeting)
- **Holly** to post on facebook
- **All** to use the newsletter in local posts.

Verges

Fay has set up a meeting on 7th September with Rosie Tunnard and Wayne Pickford along herself, Sally and John.

- **Sally** to look back at notes of meetings to see the thoughts to help structure the agenda

Sally also reported that Booker Common and Woods Protection Society is looking at changing the way the common is managed to take away arisings. Possibility of planting some yellow rattle? No specific actions.

Yellow Rattle project

John won't be able to progress this project. This is actually a good news story, because he is at capacity – finally everyone wants environmental work done! But at the moment he can't take on any more projects. Both Sally and Penelope have collected seed from local sites, and Chiltern Rangers are also going to be collecting seed. For more info on why yellow rattle matters see these links:

<https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/discover-wild-plants-nature/how-to-grow-yellow-rattle-rhinanthus-minor>

<https://www.habitataid.co.uk/blogs/blog/yellow-rattle-2>

And to buy seed (although we are trying to use local seed to develop the local genetic pool) <https://www.habitataid.co.uk/products/yellow-rattle-rhinanthus-minor-seed>

- **Penelope** and **Saf** to reconsider funding in light of John's capacity.

Bee school

- **Penelope** to follow up with Richard (Hazlemere Group) to see if any funding bids will come in for this project, or if we need to go on a school by school basis.

Solar Streets

- **Ellen** to reconvene the solar streets sub-group to discuss the September promotion.

AOB

- John shared that with some funding from Defra he is setting up a community nursery to grow on local tree and wildflower seed to swell the stock for planting and to help foster the local gene pool.
- John shared that a new group consisting of butterfly conservation, plantlife and bumblebee conservation trust have set up <https://grasslandsplus.org.uk/> to help promote grasslands which can also be an effective way of sequestering carbon – we don't only have to plant trees.
- One-can may investigate promoting recycling.
- Totteridge Baptist Church is looking into funding for a tree project