

MALBOROUGH & SOUTH HUISH PARISH COUNCILS SMASH CEB.

Date: 18 th March 2024		Venue & Time: The Old Inn, 7.00pm	
Members Present: John Garner Emma Gray Cllr J Hocking Scarlett Hoskyns Jemma Jewkes Tony Lyle Michelle Meijer Sara Robinson Georgie Tann	In Attendance: Katharine Harrod – Clerk to Malborough & South Huish Parishes	Apologies: Tania Lewis Janey Syrett	

REF 2023/24 MINUTES

1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SMASH CEB MEETING:

The minutes from 7th June 2023 were approved.

3 BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Community Compost Event:

EG: The event took place on 2nd March, there were few attendees.

Ben Bryant & Stuart Saunders were great facilitators and introduced those present to a range of interesting facts and information regarding composting. i.e. looking through a microscope at 1/4ml compost to see the wildlife in it.

The event was publicised as much as possible, unfortunately on the day some of those who had booked did not turn up. We need to find out why.

Future events will be limited to 2.5 hours - watch Sustainable South Hams Website for future events, we recommend that people sign up for their newsletter. See their website for full details <https://www.sussh.org/>
Small ways to compost will be promoted further in other events, for example by using a bokashi bin.

The event was a success for many reasons but it would have been preferable to have more people attending.

Community Orchard Update:

The building development at Eastacoombes had to allocate community land space, this has been developed as an orchard.

The management plan for the land is currently being finalised. Once it's been agreed the group will review it and provide suggestions for uses to include things like apple day.

The long term plan to be able to hold community events there and to have it open for groups such as Forest School.

Planning Future Events:

TL had printed a number of papers and requested that people sign up to their preferred options and take responsibility for the different areas. Ideas and areas included:

- Community Composting: Emma Gray to coordinate, help from JG, GT, JJ.
- Tree Planting & Wildflower Areas – MM, SR, SH, JG, JJ. SH will coordinate. There will also be collaboration with Living Churchyards (Spring Clean at Church 20/4/24 10-12 with refreshments)
- Litter Picks - TL for Malborough, Possibly Tony Adams for Hope Cove.
- Community Orchard – SH
- Complete Beach Feet – KH & GT
- Link up school gardening clubs TBC
- Beach cleans – to be timed after park run, encourage school involvement, Sara Robinson to organise weekend cleans for Soar Mill Cove, then liaise with John Garner re Hope Cove. Other involvement from

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GT, SH, TL, Marine Conservation Soc, Harbour Authority & Gary Jolliff. Noted to speak to the respective hotels where required for parking and refreshments. Cleans to be organised twice annually.

The Autumn cleans should coincide with MCS Great British Beach Clean

- Home Energy Program & Renewables – MM, SR, TL, JJ. TL and JJ will co-ordinate.
- Hedgerow cleaning TBC
- Maintenance of Malborough Woods – TL. School feedback regarding the area is that the brambles require attention and the picnic bench is rotting. TL & GT to view.

Jemma Jewkes is a Project & Development Manager for South Dartmoor Community Energy, she is able to provide information about retrofitting, free energy advice & support and the Local Energy Advice Partnership.

Future of the Group:

A chairman is needed for the group.

All events require full risk assessments and public liability, this is non-negotiable.

It was considered that if the group were to organise dates/risk assessments for events in advance, the respective Parish Councils could review them in good time to ensure that there were no issues. This could then ensure that the insurance cover could extend to the volunteer groups.

Individuals agreed to look into what other groups such as Sustainable South Hams would offer in terms of insurance and risk assessments. KH will also consider the position of the respective councils. This will then be brought back to the next meeting which will be held in May 2024.

All attending were in favour of this proposal.

South Dartmoor Community Energy:

Jemma Jewkes then spent a short time explaining how people can get help with heating bills and apply for free electric blankets.

MEETING ENDS 20.20 Hrs

DATES FOR THE DIARY: 7pm, 20th May, The Old Inn, Malborough – To be confirmed.

Signed as a true record: _____

Print Name & Date: _____

Distribution list:

- Climate Emergency Sub-committee
- Malborough Parish Council
- South Huish Parish Council
- Tree Warden for Malborough & South Huish Parishes