

Hanley Environment Group Notes and actions

Meeting on Monday 9 December 2024. Participants: Malcolm Fare, Sue Adeney, Biddi Kings, Janet Lomas, Jackie Bass, Steve Pennant, Suzanne Bennett.

1. The Group welcomed Steve Pennant onto the committee.
2. Footpaths: Welland are in the process of building a circular footpath around the village;
ACTION: SB to contact Mark Whaley re a site visit. SP and BK to join the visit
3. Trees: We have around 100 saplings, and the offer of more provided by Wayne Bridges in the village. More are due but rain has delayed them: due in January. MF leading
 - 6th form alley (alongside the Glebe):School operations management/Groundsman leads on this. May use some of the above trees
 - Church End bulb planting: The Groundsman will order bulbs in bulk for planting at the end of 2025, using funds from this f/y. These bulbs will be interspersed with the wildflower areas and the preparatory work will be done this f/y. **ACTION JL.**
 - Coppicing: We discussed a possible early 2025 event: **ACTION SA** to enquire about a contact to demonstrate coppicing: Possibly Steve Rowitt.
 - contact at Hellens in Much Marcle re hurdle making: **ACTION BK**
 - Black Poplars: these are rare, and are a flood plain tree. They can be pollarded. Castle Morton have saplings. **ACTION JB** re details of rstock to plant.
 - Street Trees: SA working with Worcs County Council. We agreed residents need a voice in where they are planted/their maintenance. We agreed to produce an article in the Parish Link & content on our social media channels. **ACTION SA**
 - To raise awareness that large trees are part of the street scene, **ACTION MF** to write an article for the Parish Link with support from SA
 - Severn Trent Grant: Hedging: The Hanleys have received funding for orchard and woodland planting in 2024 for 6 sites. The next planting day is Tuesday 14 January 2025. **ACTION MF** to approach Welland and Castle Morton to ask if they would like to bid into the fund.
4. Water Quality: no reply yet: **ACTION MF** to contact Dave Johnson at the Rivers Trust.
5. Ebikes:
 - Cycling with Confidence course – to promote this again in spring 25: **ACTION SA**
 - General promotion to begin again in the spring: **ACTION SB ccSA**
 - Storage: **ACTION SB** to approach Sarah Darwent at Albion Lodge
 - E-bike User Trial forms: **ACTION SB** to collect from Albion Lodge for 4 people who have trialled the ebikes
 - **ACTION SA** to get a form from Pippa Barclay
 - Both bikes will need a service: **ACTION SB** to arrange in January/ before end of f/y.
 - 6 Insulation: insulation at the Village Hall: SP to contact contact Graham Holmes at Guarlford.
 - 7 EV charging:There are EV chargers at Hanley Castle High School (4)and Albion Lodge, **ACTION SB** to ask if we can promote their use to villagers and to get more details.
 - 8 Flood mitigation: the survey we participated in for Earth Watch revealed 84% of the water courses had poor water quality. We will take part in the spring survey Action Malcolm Fare to coordinate. **ACTION MF/SP** :Results to be posted on the website.

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9 Hanleys Environment Group Event: Report back on the Colwall environment event 9/11: very busy; talks by experts and case studies. A heat pump provider in Hereford exhibited. There is an event in **Castle Morton on 27/2/25** featuring eco house principles.

Ideas for Hanleys' event:

-WWT (Charlotte Vincent) from Severn Treescapes could give a talk

-use small hall as there is a screen set up

- Beavers: Dawn at Castle Morton has a contact who will give a talk on beavers in the Forest of Dean.

ACTION SB to contact Jean Pennant to get dates: not Thursday as WI/PCC.

10 Terms of Reference (attached) **ACTION SP** these are to be loaded on the website

11 Budget : £5000 cleared. Options:

- Funds could be allocated to the village hall to improve its insulation. This could be match-funded: Guarlford have had some insulation: **ACTION SP** to enquire
- SA and SP need to be aware of expenditure before it goes to the PCC for clearance
- 12 AOB
- **ACTION BK** to email all contacts when we have permission from contacts to approach them about topics beyond the original reason for collecting their email addresses (under GDPR regulations)
- **ACTION BK** to write an article about a woman in the village who hires out children's wellington boots
- **ACTION SA** to invite 2 potential members from Chapman's Orchard
- Toads: SB to send a note about the first meeting of the season for BK to send to the new mailing list contacts. **ACTION SB AND BK.**

Next meeting: Wednesday 15 January at 5 pm, Thistle Cottage (Steve Pennant to host)