

## DRAFT Hanley Environment Group – Minutes - Meeting 2/9/24

Participants: Sue Adeney, Jackie Bass, Suzanne Bennett, Malcolm Fare, Janet Lomas, Alan Rodgers, Bidy King.

### **Updates:**

1. Trees: there is still a supply of trees. Publicity is needed so parishioners are aware. We agreed to use more social media and produce a small poster/flyer for noticeboards and to include into the welcome pack for new parishioners.
  2. Habitats: the number of wildflower locations has been revised and the St Gabriels site will be withdrawn.
    - orchid seeds (Green Winged, and Green Veined) have been spread at St Mary's church and on the roadside
    - Yellow Rattle seeds purchased to help wildflowers establish. Janet to explore a local source for 2025.
    - Janet to approach Severn Landscapes re hazel coppicing near the site of the former castle at Hanley Castle and to report back.
  3. Water Quality: -Earthwatch surveyed in June and the next survey is 19-23/9. Nitrates and phosphates are being surveyed.
    - Riverfly is another survey approach. Jackie to put a request to subscribers and Malcolm to approach the Rivers Trust contact.
    - Ponds: there is a talk at Castle Morton on 19/9. One of the group to attend.
  4. Grant Funding: -Severn Trent Water (STW) has funds available for hedging.
    - STW also has funding for ponds by end March 2025.
    - Jackie to explore these further.
  5. E-bikes: -Suzanne to speak to Detour (where bike purchased) re the battery light check.
    - We loaned the bike to a Welland Councillor. The Welland Walkers also had the opportunity to ask questions about this 'Test before you Invest' e-bike scheme.
    - To aid publicity, Suzanne to seek funding from PCC to produce posters and stickers promoting the scheme.
    - Suzanne and Jackie to visit owners of potential locations to store/loan the e-bikes.
    - cycling confidence course: Sue Adeney to approach her contact. The aim is to put on a course. Suzanne to follow this up.
  6. Paths: -Welland are making progress on a footpath network around their village. Suzanne to arrange a site visit, and to invite path wardens.
  7. Licensing Application for Dubs in the Middle camper van festivals on Whitsun and August bank holiday weekends: -Sue Adeney to respond for the parish council
    - The Hanley Environmental Group will expect assessments to be completed on sustainability, traffic and use of local produce.
  8. Budget: The group debated best use of its funding for the year ahead: broad headings have been agreed but detail is needed. Options include a session on heating systems; coppicing event; retrofitting event; helping establish a tool lending library. These could be based on replicating other local meetings, eg
    - 14/10 7-9 pm Welland -biodiversity meeting
    - 9/11 1-4pm Colwall -retrofitting
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