

Notes of Meeting 12 November 2024 Environment and Climate Crisis Action Group (ECCAG)

Present: Nigel Chatterjee (NC), Trudy Reynolds (TR), Pat Smith (PS).

NC advised that they were moving away from Charlestown in December but he would like to continue to receive copies of the minutes and would be happy to continue to help remotely with the graphics on the posters. Following the earlier suggestion that a QR code could be added to posters it was decided not to continue with this in view of the security issues raised by the parish clerk.

Diggers & Doers Update

TR advised that projects were continuing at Holmbush Arch, Crinnis Road and Carrickowel Point, Porthpean. TR said that volunteers were dwindling and there had been no daffodil or tree planting this autumn. It was hoped that new volunteers would be found for next year, both for the Diggers & Doers and to join the action group.

Next 3 Posters

It was agreed that a Christmas theme would be used for December and PS had already sent an email with 21 sustainable Christmas ideas. TR would incorporate some of these ideas and send to NC to add the graphics. The January theme would either be one promoted by the Keep Britain Tidy Campaign or a list of New Year resolutions based around changing your habits. The February theme would concentrate on Food sustainability with subsequent ideas being Spring Cleaning and one highlighting litter issues.

AOB

TR asked whether there had been an improvement in the light pollution issues raised at the last meeting, particularly around the Harbour area. PS said that lights now went off by 12.00am. PS also said that the work of the litter pickers continued and Charlestown itself was relatively litter free, particularly in the winter months. PS did highlight problems with bottles (alcoholic drinks) throughout the wider area, but mainly in car parking areas, such as above Carlyon Bay beach. This was particularly concerning as vehicles were being driven to these locations. This was outside the scope of this group but that perhaps Community Police Officers could do some spot checks in the area.

