

Notes of Meeting 12 September 2023 Environment and Climate Crisis Action Group (ECCAG)

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

Diggers and Doers

TR stated that work was on-going near Holmbush Arch and Carrickowel Point. The vandalised, commemorative tree at Foundry Parc will be replanted in the Regatta Field. The Parish Council has approved funds for spring flowering bulbs at Carrickowel and it was agreed that the wildflower mix, rather than ordinary daffodils would give a more naturalistic look at the site. PS had expressed concern that the flowering might coincide with "No Mow May" but TR confirmed that the site is not on the schedule for any mowing at any time.

* TR will ask Clerk to place an order

Next 2 Posters

NC suggested that it would be timely, with winter approaching, to remind people of saving energy. TR will up-date last year's poster for the November post.

TR suggested a poster could be created to remind people of volunteering opportunities within the parish to get involved and to help the environment, such as the Diggers and Doers Group and Charlestown Chums. Other volunteering groups such as the Cornwall Wildlife Trust and Three Bays Wildlife Group could be included.

* TR to check with PS about the Charlestown Chums and others. Information will be passed to NC to "create the visuals"

Two Minute Beach Clean Board

PS had raised the issue of restocking bags with the Clerk. Reusable, up-cycled tent bags had been used but they were expensive and were not being returned to the Board as instructed. PS had suggested that better instructions were put on the board but it was decided that although the concept was a good one it would be too expensive to maintain. It was agreed that the Clerk should be asked to source plastic bags which have a high recycled content. Compostable bags were not necessary as the waste collected went into the normal rubbish bin for collection. The Clerk should be encouraged to use high recycled content bags for the other general parish waste from the Pattern Hall and the toilets.

* TR to send links to Clerk.

As PS was unable to attend the review of the Climate Change What Can Your Council Do? will be deferred to the next meeting, probably late November/early December