

Notes for the EWG Mon 11th July 11, 2022

3. Waste and recycling – seems to be ticking over. Claire to check with Georgia
4. Ways to protect local trees – Lianne has done the maps. Ernie suggested that we need to get people from the community to let us know if they have information about a tree close to them that needs to be protected. Perhaps we could use EWG facebook page to do this. Also, once we know which are the trees to be protected we need to make a plan about exactly how to protect them.
5. Churchdown repair café has been running for 3 months usually on the 2nd Saturday (apart from August when it's on the first Saturday because of something else going on in the hall)and is going from strength to strength. The EWG decided that we definitely want to start one in Brockworth which will be separate (ie run on another Saturday) but connected to the Churchdown one. Claire will feed this back to the Churchdown committee and ask for their help in setting it up in the same way that Tewkesbury helped them to get started. We will aim to begin early next year. In the meantime we will continue to publicise the Churchdown one and encourage Brockworth residents to go there. Claire will aim to make a display to drum up support at the over fifties event in the Community centre on 30th July.
6. Nature reserve. The grass needs cutting again but this needs to be properly managed. The wildlife corridor also needs sorting out. Ernie will contact a “bat” lady he knows to see if she can do a survey to see if the bats are still there.
7. Volunteer work party. A Summer litterpick to be organized for the school holidays. Date to be decided at next month's meeting.
8. Horsbere Brook project. No update. Perhaps we could do an Autumn work party for some coppicing on some of the Brockworth owned land.
9. Allotments. They have now been handed over. Claire to try to dig out the info Clare sent about landscape designers etc and bring to next meeting.
10. Pocket Park. Looks good especially now that the path has been improved (although it still could perhaps be a little bit narrower). However, there was a lot of rubbish there today, perhaps we could focus the summer litter pick on that area.
11. Tree from women's bible group. Deferred 'til next month.

12. Discuss ash dieback replanting project. A walkabout has been organized for . Wednesday 20th at 10am. Ernie to plan a route and Lianne to be invited.

13. "Green spaces for Good". Deferred 'til next month.

14. A.O.B.

Lianne to be asked to renegotiate the contract for the shell garage meadow so that when the grass is cut the cuttings are removed. If this is found to be too expensive there is an option to manage the meadow in a different way.

The preparation of the land for wildflower sowing needs to be done professionally. Kieren to make a plan about where this needs to be done which will then be taken to Green spaces and Environment committee in order to get quotes for the work.

Ernie has been doing some research into local tree planting. He has found that it is important to think carefully about what is planted with regard to climate change as there is no point planting trees (eg oaks) which will not cope with the changing conditions. The wildlife trusts are currently doing research into this and some examples of trees that are more likely to thrive are acer, holly, cherry, hawthorn.