

Sustainable Calne Monthly Meeting (via zoom) Draft Minutes Thu 10th June 2021 from 7:00 pm



Agenda

Welcome and apologies
News & updates
Guest speakers
AOB
Confirm the date of the next meeting

Attendees: John Bennett (Chair), Stan Woods (Treasurer), Denis Robinson, John Boaler, Jenny Joyce (Vice-Chair), Lizz Jennings, Bob Greenwood, Clive Rathband, Joan Ryder, Denis Griffin (Secretary), Sheila Griffin.

Apologies: Celia Stevens, Averil Ashton, Tom Morris, Fiona Campbell.

News and updates

John Bennett opened the meeting and welcomed our guest speakers Clive and Joan.

Before they spoke he announced the result of the recent vote for a constitutional change. This was emailed out to the members on May 19th asking them to respond by email before the 1st of June.

Vote 1 - That the Chair and Vice-Chair should have different genders.

Vote 2 - That the AGM should take place in May each year.

19 members responded to vote

Vote 1 - For 12 Against 7. Vote 2 - For 18 Against 1

John was unsure if the low number of votes met the requirements of our constitution to make the vote valid. He will ask the Exec and Constitutional Committee to discuss and confirm how we set a quorum and identify voting members for this and future votes.

Guest Speakers Clive Rathband and Joan Ryder

Clive and Joan gave a very interesting presentation on hedgehogery. It was centred around the hedgehog family that resided in their garden for several years. They shared information on the dietary requirements and general welfare for hedgehogs. They also discussed the feeding station and nest they designed and built for the hedgehogs in some detail, as keeping other animals out, especially cats, can be quite a challenge. They also shared night time video footage of hedgehogs feeding in the garden plus foxes and cats close to the feeding station. Joan promised to pass links for local hedgehog rescue centres to the SC secretary.



AOB

Denis Robinson spoke on behalf of the Walking and Cycling group to remind everyone of the survey they are conducting this weekend (June19th and 20th) and to ask anyone who has not yet volunteered to help to please consider doing so.

Bob Greenwood updated the meeting on another project the Walking and Cycling group are working on. An extra upgrade to the footpath (CALW24) that links the Marden Farm housing development to Bentley Lane. There are already plans to improve this footpath but the W&C group would like an extra upgrade to a dual-use tarmac cycle path rather than just a footpath. They have contacted Wiltshire and Calne Councils to explain why this upgrade makes sense.

Bob has looked over the existing path and shared a map and some photos with us at the meeting. These show its present condition as very poor and barely a footpath in places. Where the path goes by Kingsbury Green School the school has built their own substantial fence several metres inboard of the original fence. The strip of land between the two fences is of interest for the extra upgrade and the C&W group are looking to contact the school to discuss their thoughts on the upgrade.

Air quality: The AQ project that was to start with some Calne schools with monitors funded by the Town Council has been disrupted by Covid over many months. Schools have had a lot to contend with over this period. Stan will make an approach again in September to encourage a small number of schools to get involved.

Next meeting

Adrian Cooper from Felixstowe's Community Nature Reserve will tell us about the Felixstowe Small Space Project.

Confirm date and place of the next meeting
Thursday 8th July via Zoom 7:00 - 8:30 pm