

Climate Change Working Group – 11th August 2022

Attendees: Cllr Fedorowycz, Cllr Wright, Cllr Dell

Apologies: James Towns, Daniel Perrett

Agenda

1. Presentations for schools - biodiversity and tree planting
2. Progress on projects – green roof project and butterfly banks
3. List of schools to reach out to – are there any missing from school list?
4. Biodiversity public forum in the rose gardens – 17th Aug. Suggest people and organisations to whom we should promote this.

Summary of action points:

- Emily & Bev come together to work on powerpoints together and bounce off each other (could be on Teams/Zoom) – Emily look at KS3, Bev look at KS2 version
- Emily cost up getting some small chalk packs for the schools for Seek app activity idea
- Dez to contact Zara Holden/Sarah Shorely from Woodland Trust to get more insight on school awards – can we find out if they plant trees not from Woodland Trust if they earn points still
- Confirm community tree nursery process with Dawn & Dave – safeguarding against disease is important here. Emily take this forward.
- Ask if we can give out free trees for November – Emily liaise with Buccleuch.
- Bev check contacts list to ensure no one is missed off – Emily send emails.
- Everyone promote next week's workshop from the KTC social post here:
<https://www.facebook.com/KetteringTC/posts/pfbid02KiDvDy2BM7T4aYTbH4caZbrKGgSvuG9Ub8RYoZTQtLAcUsgzt8BPBTTHrtNFGZSbl>

1. We went through the biodiversity and tree planting slides Bev and Emily had researched and produced, and considered the main points below to include as part of the content:

Aim:

- Take on some trees this November as part of community nursery
- Join community tree planting event by Ise River – idea being that each school will have a patch that they 'own'
- Butterfly banks in January – sign up to be involved with the action days
- Sign up for February planting with Woodland Trust & work towards "Green Tree School Awards"
- Do some of their own biodiversity projects

Biodiversity projects

- Insect houses/bug hotels – pallet version, photo needed – remember that wildlife love mess!
- Say no to weedkiller!
- Hedgehog highways – dig a hole under your fence, ideally behind a bush (check with your neighbour first!)
- Hedgehog champions – check if there are any local resources, or some activity ideas, how to sign up to be a hedgehog champion
- Ponds and water
- Learn how to harvest your favourite seeds – seeds cost money! But they can be free!
- Seek app & chalk drawings – weeds are a good thing! “Weeds are plants that people don’t think should be there”

Comms plan:

- Email them to ask to come in to do an assembly – August
 - Follow up email in first week of September
 - Follow up email mid September if not heard back
 - Call key schools last week in September if not heard back
2. Green roof project proposal has progressed – Newland Street bus shelters look the best option, as Horsemarket bus shelters are quite angled while Newland Street ones are flat. Groundwork green roof graduate Nathan is measuring the shelters and getting costs for us, then will give us a quote which will for part of our procurement process of obtaining multiple quotes, from which full council can then make a decision on the best option. Emily has emailed NNC Property Services to confirm NNC own these shelters, as they do not appear to be Clear Channel owned and used to be owned by KBC so presumably are now NNC assets. Once we have approval for the project from the owners, we can agree if this is a good option for us, and which is the best provider/how many shelters we can afford.
 3. List of schools acquired by Emily is to be checked by Bev - and Scott?
 4. Reminded everyone about next week’s open workshop. Considered who else we should ask and invite/where else we can promote. Assigned suggestions below.

Suggested organisations/people to invite to the biodiversity workshop:

- Badger groups - DEZ
- Save Weekley Hall Wood - DEZ
- Groundwork - DEZ
- Kettering Huxloe Rotary Club – Kim is the environmental lead - DEZ
- Environment Agency - DEZ
- Butterfly conservation group - EMILY
- Wicksteed & Lewis (park ranger) - EMILY
- Youthworks - EMILY
- Scouts & guides – could Keli/Scott help? Donna Rockett contact - EMILY

- Woodland Trust - EMILY
- Garden centres - BEV
- Wildlife Trust – BEV
- Allotments - JAMES
- Personal contacts interested in greening - EVERYONE
- Local Facebook groups & Rob's unforgettable etc - EVERYONE
- Natural Ise - DONE