

Charmouth Environment Group

Notes of meeting held on Tuesday 9th January in The Elms

Present: Julie Leah, Katy Tunstall, Andrew Lightfoot and for item 1 Lesley Jelleyman

Apologies: Jane Bremner, Peter Noel, Ivor Clist

1. **Charmouth in Bloom:** we discussed with Lesley the judges' comments from 2023 and things we might target in the 2024 entry. Lesley offered to help us plan the route for the judges' tour. In the immediate future, we agreed to hold an open meeting for our partner organisations and other interested parties to consider potential initiatives. Julie was to contact Rob at Hogchester Meadows and Anna at Herringbone.
2. **Environment Exchange:** the four sessions to date had stimulated interesting discussions and been attended by a total of about a dozen people. One specific suggestion to emerge was that there should be a local meeting arranged to discuss options for using the money provided for coastal resilience and flooding so that a united front could be presented to Dorset Council. Also, following a discussion with Belinda Bawden, Lyme Town Council had offered to assist clearance of the wood accumulated on the foreshore. It was agreed to continue the sessions in February and March and then consider whether to have a summer break.
3. **Hedge planting:** this was planned for Saturday 20th January on West Green. Andrew was to circulate a poster and Julie had the necessary materials lined up.
4. **River Char:** forthcoming meetings were noted, especially the presentations on Friday 12th January.
5. **Foreshore:** a team was booked to extract nurdles during 24-28th January with a community beach clean on Saturday 27th.
6. **Thermal camera:** free thermal camera property surveys were available for residents, bookable through Philip May on 07740 974304 or via e mail on energychampslyme@gmail.com. Gareth Rees is the Energy Champion in Charmouth. The information was to be posted on the Parish Council's web site.
7. **Climate emergency:** on the day we met it was announced that 2023 was the warmest year on record with the global average temperature 1.47 degrees warmer than the pre-industrial average, with 2024 almost

certainly to be even hotter. Given that this exceptional rise will take the world beyond the 1.5 degree maximum rise used for climate change planning, it was agreed that the Parish Council should be invited to reconsider declaring a climate emergency.

8. **Notes of meeting held on 17th October:** all the action points had been followed through, including the planting of an oak tree, donated by the Rotary Club in Lyme, in the playing field to commemorate Queen Elizabeth's reign. Relevant plaques had been ordered for the various recent plantings in the playing field.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 5th March

ACTION POINTS

All to note:

Intention to arrange an open meeting in the next 4-6 weeks to discuss initiatives for Charmouth in Bloom.

Availability of thermal camera surveys.

Reconsideration of climate emergency.

Foreshore Committee:

Suggestion of a local meeting to discuss coastal resilience/flooding options.

Hedge planting on West Green on 20th January.

Nurdle clearing and beach clean, 24-28th January.

Lyme Town Council's offer to assist clearance of woody material.

Julie: contacts for Charmouth in Bloom meeting

Materials for hedge planting

Andrew: poster for hedge planting

Lisa: thermal camera availability to be promoted on the Council's web site.