



Committee meeting held on May 18, 2021, 17:00

6 Attendees: Holland, Cheek, Francis, Gotham, Hattersley, Gorden-Roe, Hurst
Zoom meeting due to the pandemic

Agenda

1. Orchard

- volunteering – Kit
good number of volunteers
- raised bed – Kit
Installed and Looks good.
- insect hotel – Kit
Stepan is working with Kit and representatives from council are coming. Will email primary skills to see if they want to help.
- new licence – Jeremy

Lots of wood chips but the pile is going down

Will be building compost bins.

Hops are doing well. Will the undergrowth around the hops. Will take out some of the brambles.

2. Communications - Steve

- new website –
 - Moving to open source Wordpress.org platform (Login / Password needed to edit)
 - 3 of us can now add and edit content. (e.g., web pages, .pdfs, calendar events)
 - still room for improvement – but there were always be room for improvement e.g., email generated forms, installing blog, Google Analytics, making additional improvements mentioned by Dick.
 - Nick will handle the transfer of the new Wordpress content to <https://www.midsummercommon.org.uk/>
- problems with fomc-announce
 - Root cause not found but work-around is in place – will blind copy as Charlie does with Neighbourhood watch list.
 - Will test new method when we announce web site
- plans for next newsletter
 - Nature: Summer on the Common
 - Electrification: Scooters and Bikes
 - Info due from Cam Cycle
 - Orchard
 - Update on Midsummer Fair and preparations for June gathering
 - Show design of our new message boards.
 - Steve will consider taking on social media after public messaging. E.g., Facebook, Twitter. Rosica has history of our FB account.
 - Pictures of new dawn redwood

3. The Common

- Midsummer gathering - Charlie and Steve on plans to manage this year's gathering:

“We have had some early planning meetings with the Police and are preparing a collective response. Once we have more firm detail, we will update you.” Alistair Wilson

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- Close the Ft. St. George bridge as we do during the Midsummer Fair.
- Limit road traffic into the neighbourhood and professionally signpost and control access at Ferry Path by the
- Light Blue Bike shop & De Freville Ave.
- Provide Car parking
- Provide a visible security presence.
- Provide toilets and rubbish containers

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- Redwood planting – Kit

- done

- Eastern Pound and Restaurant Pound – Kit

- Already spoken with Katie P. ... Kit would like to reach out to Labour and Greens to see if they can help make sure that the area adjacent to the restaurant

- Will continue to monitor with Cam Cycle electrification on the Common – no clear direction yet.

4. Finance and membership

- new members – Steve. £110 in total donations from these 8:

- Sahanika Ratnayake, (February 14, 2021)
 - Kelcey and Edward Wilson Lee (April 1, 2021)
 - Adrian Rose (April 12, 2021)
 - Peter and Christine Baxter (April 13, 2021)
 - Stella Alderton (April 14, 2021)
 - Lucy Traynor (April 23, 2021)
 - Peter and Christine Baxter (April 13, 2021)
 - Kristo Gergely (April 26, 2021)
 - Heather Witaker (May 14, 2021)

- financial update - Peter

5. Planning for the AGM - Jeremy

- virtual or in person

- first half of July for a virtual meeting.

- speakers

- still looking.
 - Cambridge Natural History Society.
 - Logans Meadow a representative for the reptile group.
 - Ditches – Steve will speak to Jeremy about a topic

- committee members for next year

- timing likely the first half of July

COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR NEXT YEAR:

- Embali is enthusiastic ...

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