

Braunston CAN

Meeting 7.30 4th February 2021

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence – Kate, Louis, Patsy, Ray
2. Constitution including date for AGM

Consideration of draft - sent.

Constitution agreed subject to clarification over participation of young people and any specific references to age. No date set for AGM or frequency of meetings.

3. Temporary appointments to the agreed posts.

Treasurer – David Cary

Secretary - Abigail Campbell (Minute taking to be shared on a rota)

Chair – Alan Mawer

Vice Chair – Tony Renshaw

4. DDC grant. Tools for volunteer hedge-laying and air-quality monitor. And soil testing kit. David and Alan to coordinate. Abigail has sent details of air-quality monitor. Helen to provide details of soil testing kit.
5. Additional comments from survey– sent.

Uses of these. To inform articles for the BVN.

6. Wildlife rich grasslands.

Spring planting including plants from Bragborough, mainly campion, knapweed, trefoil.

Offer to Brownies Churchyard planting

Consideration of signage Brownies could design signs if they are taking on the Churchyard planting.

Bee and bug hotels – locations David Coleman has said they will make the 'hotels'.

7. Offer of 'free' oak trees. BVN article
8. Group meeting with Lee Taylor. Agreed.
9. AOB
 - a. Severn Trent environment schemes. Mainly aimed at farmland in the Leam basin. We could ask ST for a virtual meeting and use a report of it to pass on information about slowing run-off. Agreed. Alan Mawer or David Cary to arrange.
 - b. The role of the global food system in driving a massive loss of biodiversity and accelerating climate change. How B-CAN be effective in driving an awareness of the issues, maybe through providing links to certain reports or suggesting links to plant-based alternatives to factory-farmed food sources. Important not to come across as preachy or dogmatic but simply pointing out where factual information about the issues can be accessed. BVN article. Reference <https://wickedleeks.riverford.co.uk/>
 - c. Use of weedkiller in Braunston. Ask playing field committee.

There was also discussion about taking out insurance.

Tony has proposed that we put a series of articles in the BVN. Some points about potential BVN articles:

- The length of articles for the BVN is usually limited to one page, about 250 words. During the pandemic there has been less information from other groups. As a result, some two-page articles have been included.
- Alan Morgan has said that we must not come across as preachy or dogmatic. I suggest that this can be done by describing the actions that people in Braunston have taken that reduce emissions or mitigate climate change. Here are some suggestions:
 - Someone who eats only a plant-based diet.
 - A farm where areas of trees have been planted.
 - A farm where a rainwater harvesting system has been installed.
 - A user of peat-free compost.
 - Someone who cycles to work.
 - A user of air-source heating
 - A bus-user
 - A grower of local food, e.g., allotment holder.
 - A property where all rain goes to sustainable drainage.