

Ewhurst Local Environment Action People

Greening Ewhurst

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Meeting Minutes

29 September 2011

These are the minutes of a meeting of the committee on Thursday 29th September at Joanna's house.

In attendance were: Keith Vivers (Treasurer), Joanna Cadman (Chairman), Diane James, Richard Sellwood, Eddie Breeveld (Secretary).

Matters Arising

- Clear out day: 2nd July 2011.
 - This was very successful, thanks to all who helped organise, clear up, provide cakes and drinks, and also thanks to the Waverley representatives there.
 - Thanks too to Richard Cleaves for arranging free Biffa bins to take much of the waste at the end.
 - It was nice that some people came back to collect their own stuff that was still left at the end, and good of John Rapley to collect any metal left.
 - Next time we will move a bit closer to the EYSC, so that the teas and cakes and any other displays are more prominent.
- Big Day Out, 16th July 2011.
 - Unfortunately this was a wash-out for us! LEAP had a stall (a table) at the event on the Polo pitch, which was gallantly manned for an hour or two, but then we gave up because of the storm.
- The Ewhurst Greening Campaign
 - We decided to go no further with this. The results of the survey will be published, but the effort and money involved (especially as the Greening Campaign money has dried up) were thought not the best use of our limited resources.
 - There were very disappointing returns in similar campaigns in Godalming and Albury, which did not bode well either.
 - Ewhurst School were not interested, as they are already committed to other things during the autumn term.
 - We will need to raise our profile, and then when sufficient people would like to join in helping with a similar campaign we can try again.
- Raising our profile
 - Perhaps the Greening campaign was too ideological; as we are a more practical group we discussed what we could do to raise our profile. Joanna suggested that we produced a book of footpath walks around the village, based on Keith and Debbie Vivers hand-written walks. This may be a good way for more people to recognise who we are and what we stand for.
 - Other ideas included:

- More litter picking in the out-lying areas of the parish. This was unfortunately dismissed because of the risks involved on roads outside the 30mph limit.
 - Clear out day twice a year. This has some potential, but we wondered whether the village would have enough material every six months. It is our main event each year, but even so few people know that we organise it. We decided to continue yearly.
- Walks booklet
 - Although not immediately relevant to 'greening', footpath walks are part of conserving our local environment.
 - We need to find out costs involved, Joanna will talk to Andrew Lock about a booklet of about 30 pages.
 - Diane suggested that Waverley might be able to help with costs, she would ask.
 - Roger North of Rudgwick has produced a similar booklet and he is willing to give us advice.
 - To reduce costs we could perhaps produce a laminated leaflet with just two walks – one short and flat and one long and slightly more vigorous.
 - We could also have a guided walk or two?

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- Next year there will be a Carnival, we agreed not to have a float but to have a stand or table. We should use some of our money to buy a Gazebo for sun/rain protection.
- There may also be a village event for the Jubilee, if so we would also like to be represented. We could have a Diamond Jubilee walk!
- For the upcoming footpath clearance we will ask Chris Lyth which footpath needs work, although the paths near Slythhurst were suggested.

Dates agreed:

Footpath clearance 12 November 2011

Clear out day 7 July 2012

Litter Pick 21 April 2012

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1 December 2011, 8pm at Joanna's house