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Notes from the Environment and Climate Change Working Groups

held on **Thursday 30 November 2023**, in the Tamar Valley Centre at 1900.

Those present were: - Richard Newton Chance (Chair), Andrew Brown, Alex Polglase, Jim Wakem, Judith Robinson, Gill Court, Pete Thompson, Peter Bloomfield

Recovering Nature

- Wild About Nature – photobook project, underway with one walk completed.
- Yellow rattle – sown in Calstock Churchyard and Calstock playing field – Pete Gadd (CPC) and Jane Weatherby (Living Churchyards) and Calstock in Bloom involved and on Gunnislake Playing Field by Gunnislake Community Matters members.
- Willow tit boxes made by REACH.
- Hedgehogs – Pete Thompson developing links to monitor hedgehogs and offer strategies to help them.
- Hedgerows – Pete Bloomfield working with Becky Buckland to raise awareness of hedge management with local landowners.
- Environment talks at Calstock Arts: 25-01-2024, Mark Avery, Wild Justice; 22-02-24, Fiona Matthews and Tim Kendell, Black Ops and Beaver Bombing; 15-03-2023, Stephen Moss, Ten Birds That Changed The World.
- Oak may be donated for the large replacement pieces of the boatyard.

Reducing Impact

- Sewage – the EA will monitor any sightings of sewage – photos to be taken and reported and smells to be reports to the EA Hotline. Citizen Science also important and volunteers will try to be recruited for this. CPC made the point to the Planning Department by refusing applications that required connection to the sewage system – CC have noted this but pointed out we have no material grounds to object, however in a supporting statement it will be reference that CPC will support subject to SWW having no objections.
- Local power schemes – awaiting further information.
- Designated bathing water status is a non-starter as the criterion have changed to almost impossible levels.
- EV charging points – an opportunity may have been missed, there is an online survey but it is not particularly helpful to our needs.
- CPC approved a policy whereby members of the public can complete a form and return it to the Planning Committee when they feel a breach of planning has occurred – this should reduce the environmental impact caused by the construction of buildings.



Improving Health and Wellbeing

- Food Action initiative keeps on growing with over 50 households signed up to the December delivery.
- Will look into 'lost footpaths' and monitor.