**South Yare Wildlife Group**

**A G E N D A and MINUTES**

26/03/2023 19.30 pm

Wheatfen Study Centre , Surlingham NR14 7AL

1. Welcome and Apologies. Present: Peter Armitage, Rodney Aldis, Andy Jarret, Jake Zarins, Linda Tansley, Cathy Terry, Jim Bradley. Apologies: Sarah Wilde.
2. Minutes of Last Meeting. Accepted as a true record. Of note:

* Rockland community orchard day was successful, well attended
* DH talk- 45 attendees, lots of positive feedback

1. Matters Arising

PA suggests a ‘now and then’ support group amongst our members. This idea will be raised at the AGM.

1. AGM and Talk Charlie Gardner 17th April. LT will not be standing for election to the committee. PA thanked her for her time and contribution. Other existing members happy to stand once again. CT would be prepared to step down if we took on 2 new committee members. PA, JZ and RA happy to remain in post as Chair, Secretary and Treasurer respectively.
2. Future Events for 2024

* AGM 17th April Rockland. Free entry. PA to check if speaker is happy to have the talk filmed.
* Phoenix, Dodo and Butterfly (NOT SYWG) a play at Margaret Mack Room Rockland May 10th. Starring friend of the group Rupert Read. JZ will circulate more detail to members.
* May 11th Chedgrave Church eco-morning (NOT SYWG)
* 12th May Breakfast with the birds Surlingham. May have to re-route according to tides.
* 11th June- Wilder Gardens with Jessica Bray in Seething. Photographic competition in the lead up to this. JB suggests a Moth trap in nearby garden for use at the event.
* 15th June- Surlingham School fete. JZ will attend for SYWG, could use photos from above event.
* 23rd June- Rockland and Hellington Community Nature reserve group walk to Hellington reserve. To be led by PA. Could be a joint event?
* 29th June- Thurton School Fete
* 6th July- Loddon Fete. This is the old wildlife afternoon but under a different name TBC. RA to attend and lead.
* September TBC- Bat walk.
* Talks on the table- Chris Skinner, Jake Zarins, Rupert Read, Ollie Birkbeck.
* December- Chedgrave? Depends on path and bridge access.

1. Large Marsh Grasshopper- still waiting to hear from Natural England, but outlook overall is positive. Option to look at other sites that would not need licensing eg private land owners (areas that are not designated SSSI). JZ will forward annual report- there has been success in NW Norfolk.
2. Financial report- £12,957. 57 in the bank. Significant outgoing for recording equipment used for talks. 102 members. Full details will be shared at AGM.
3. Rockland Bird Hide- Planning application in for a new spot; this was turned down by the Broads Authority. Other options are being pursued. April 3rd- this will be discussed at parish meeting.
4. Website- JB suggests this could be a project for a student. AGM announcement? JZ suggests paying someone to create new one.
5. A.O.B-
6. Next Meeting- May 14th