**South Yare Wildlife Group agenda 09/01/24**

Wheatfen Study Centre 19:30

1. Welcome and apologies. Present: Peter Armitage, Rodney Aldis, Jake Zarins, Andy Jarrett, Linda Tansley, Sarah Wilde, Cathy Terry, Jim Bradley
2. Minutes of last meeting- assumed agreed.
3. Matters arising- None
4. Poringland/Loddon fetes- Poringland cancelled. Loddon will take place, pending agreement, July 6th.
5. Loddon Schools funding- group agree to fund 1 day at Loddon junior school.
6. Rockland bird hide. Committee have applied for funding. Plan is to build a new hide where the bench is. Bus-shelter style. Next steps are planning application to Broads Authority, who if they agree, will provide 80% of funding.
7. Rockland Community Orchard- group in favour of this initiative, and a planting day TBA. SYWG will attend. SW happy to design a relevant game for the day. Group to consider what this day will look like. Wassailing mentioned as a vehicle to involve the public. JZ informs group we have been donated a box of craft materials which could be used. PA suggests a commemorative badge to mark the occasion, made at the event.
8. 5 Mile Network- SW and Juliet running this, Stephen of Alderfen has stepped down. Informal swapping continues. More advertisement needed.
9. Future Events 2024
* February 28th - Dan Hoare talk ‘Water plants of The Broads’ @Bergh Apton 7.30pm. £2 for members, £4 for non-members. SW will do poster. **NOTE KAARIN HAS ALREADY DESIGNED POSTER**
* PA has contacted Dr. Charlie Gardner who walked round Norfolk. He is keen. PA to confirm a date and venue- likely Claxton. 21st March TBC.
* Rupert Reed is keen to do a climate change follow up talk.
* JZ has been in touch with Lottie Packman to talk Wensum Link and Bats. Mid-late April for AGM.
* Breakfast with the birds 12th May.
* June- wild garden of the year photo competition. Can be run online, photos shared at the event in Loddon. PA to contact Jessica Bray in Seething to see if a talk on Wildlife Gardens could coincide with this month long event.
* Loddon fete- July 6th.
* AJ suggests some kind of youth appreciation council- young people of the Yare Valley to be celebrated for their knowledge and enthusiasm. Group to consider how this may look.
* AJ has emailed Dave Goulson and James McAllum inviting them to talk. **NOTE NEITHER ARE AVAILABLE THIS YEAR.**
* AJ suggests a committee meet and greet- each member speaks for 10 minutes about their own interests and passions. October?
* Late summer walk round local smallholding- SW and PA have details.
* September- Bat walk @Rockland. JB to lead, will contact Lindsey Bilston.
* JZ approached by committee to talk about his RSPB work- he is happy to be on stand-by!
1. Hop of Hope- JZ updates us, agreement needs to be signed and payment needs to be made. Process continuing. Summer release day to involve young people?
2. Financial report- RA has shared this via email. Loss of £230.00 last year. Account is healthy, full details have been shared via email.
3. Website- JB suggests the website is not the best platform for sharing information. JZ to speak to family member regarding setting up a simple blog/site with less pages and easier accessibility.

Instagram discussed- some members agree to send a snippet of video of themselves in the field.

1. SYWG review- JB suggests reviewing action plan at a future meeting.
2. AOB- PA says he will get some more leaflets printed.

Hellington community reserve are holding an emergency meeting due to church putting rent up. Due late January.

Jackie Honor would like SWYG to be involved in Thurton School fete. JB happy to attend depending on work. Date for this is 29th June 12-3.

1. Next meeting- Tuesday 5th March.