

## DERRINGTON – WAY AHEAD

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.30 pm Notes of the Meeting

1. **Welcome** by the Chairperson and thanks to Sheena for hosting the meeting. Present: Sheena Davis, Ann Tallent, Colin Crates, Karen Davies. Apologies: Cheryl Birks, Tony Burgess.

#### 2. Notes of the last meeting held in September and matters arising

\* Plastic Straws: It had been noticed that use of plastic straws had been resumed at the village hall. Feedback is that existing stocks are being used up and no new ones will be purchased.

*In May 2019 the government confirmed a ban on plastic straws, drinks stirrers, and plastic cotton buds in England from 2020. Over 80% of people voted in support of a ban on plastic straws in a public consultation.*

\* The ivy covering the toilets at Milford Common have now been cleared so the building structure/roof is no longer at risk.

\* The Sustainability Matters AGM went well and the talk on Red Squirrels by Debbie Smith from Staffs Mammal Group was very informative.

**ACTION:** Karen to pass details of Staffs Mammal Group to Roy.

\* Repair Cafes: The Repair Cafe at Doxey Church on 19<sup>th</sup> Oct was a great success, thanks to organiser Rob Hine from Sustainability Matters and great support from the fantastic volunteer fixers. It is hoped that more will be held in the new year.

\* **Millennium Green news.** Several pairs of hedgehogs (from Hedgerow Rescue) have been released onto the Millennium Green and there are 4 hedgehog boxes on the Green. 19000 trees have been planted in and around the village over the last decade Roy reported. 3 pieces of land have now been bought giving an additional 7.5 acres. Ace!!!!

#### 3. Litter Picks

Litter Picks took place on the first Monday of the month, tackling the road from the village to the Newport Road and also on occasion Blackhole Lane/Crossing Lane. Generally 4 people help out. There are always 3 or 4 bin bags full of rubbish.

Litter Picking superstar Colin continues his own litter picks and other villagers litter pick individually.

It is now too dark to continue with the group litter picks, so the next will take place on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan at 2pm and Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 2pm.**

#### 4 Ten Year Anniversary of DWA:

Karen and Cheryl met on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct to discuss/plan/design a celebration flier. Cheryl has typed up lots of info – thanks!

**ACTION:** Karen to draft up a leaflet incorporating a thermometer strip, like those used in original leaflet. Incorporate wildlife contacts, local green contacts, aim to have ready for the new year. Will need 350ish.

#### 5 Wild About Derrington 2020

Ideas were discussed at previous debrief meeting.

**Date set for Sat 4<sup>th</sup> April.**

Need the mic to rove like at the village fete.

**ACTION:** Karen to check with Ian and Lisa and to start booking organisations in January.

If you are aware of any sources of grant funding – please let us know!!

### **6 Wednesday Health Walks!**

Still going well, with around 13 people attending!

### **7 Oak Trees on the A518**

Several meetings and communications have taken place re this issue and we are in contact with Cllr Winnington. Contact Karen for further details.

### **8 Green/eco events and activities in and around Stafford:**

**\* Hustings, Election Question Time for the Environment,**

Oddfellows Hall, 17 Greengate Street, Stafford ST162HP

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. Tomorrow!!!**

**\* Children Against Climate Change event**

St Augustine's Church Rugeley

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 4.30-5.30pm.

It's great to see Staffordshire children acting to make more people aware of climate change!

**\* Queensville Litter Pick c/o Stafford Litter Heroes**

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> November at 11am, meet b y the playground near Costa.

See Stafford Litter Heroes fb page for other litter picks, Tour of Brown Recycling Ltd (6<sup>th</sup> Dec), Along the River Clean Up Crew (Jan 5<sup>th</sup>) etc.

**\* Plastic Free Christmas Decorations**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7pm, Tranquility

Other zero waste workshops with Christmas theme too, see fb, linked to the **Local Green Shop** ('Roots' green, clean, plastic free larder, 'Tranquility', aromatherapy, Recycling by Terraccycle etc.

This shop can be found next to the Shoe Shed off the Newport Road (past Vets4Pets and turn left just after the pedestrian crossing. Alternatively, its only ten minutes by bike along the cycle track!

**\* North Staffs Climate Change Network, recently formed, to highlight climate emergency.**

**\* There is No Planet B!** Stafford's environmental arts festival Feb Half Term is now being planned. Please get in touch with Karen if you'd like to be involved – *free workshops for schools and youth groups available.*

**Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 at 7.30pm, venue TBC. **If you have any queries please contact:**

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