

Climate and Ecological Emergency Working Party (CEE_WP)

Report to the Parish Council Meeting – September 2022

- **River Char Community Project (RCCP):** Cllrs. Joyce and Carey had an online meeting with Ian Rees, Dorset AONB on 10th August. It was agreed that:
 - Ian will move ahead with the next stage of research and survey, talking to Prof. Jim Rose about geomorphological survey approaches and liaising with EA and Wessex Water about identification of significant pollution sources in the catchment.
 - RCCP will deliver two community working party sessions doing flood management work this autumn/winter on the Prime Coppice tributary (19th November 2022 and 26th January 2023)
 - RCCP will offer continued support for the trained Riverfly cohort
 - RCCP will offer farm walks at Crabbs Bluntshay (15th October) and Babers Farm (18th May 2023)
 - We will offer a winter talk at a village hall, to include a general update on the project plus specialist speaker, perhaps on fur, fleas and faeces (24th Feb. 2023)
 - Cllr. Carey will talk about the RCCP at Charmouth's Green Day on 1st October.

At a meeting of the Working Party on 11th August, we discussed the following:

- **CEE Event:** we agreed to put together an event on farming and the local environment during the winter, to offer different perspectives on the land and landscape. This could include a session from Burrow Environmental on their septic tank offer.
- **Hedgehogs:** we will invite Sue Mattock to talk at the CEE event. We propose to CVPC that the council endorse her Hedgehog Campaign with a view to publicising it in Char Chat and on the website.
- **Insulation and energy saving event:** We previously decided to focus on what can be done with listed and old properties (there is masses of general information on more 'conventional' homes). However, Cllr Joyce has now undertaken a lot of research and enquiries and found very little information and help available and very little good news to report to homeowners. So we have reluctantly decided to postpone the event.
- **Wootton Hills Recovery Plan:** We are preparing a response to Dorset AONB.
- **CiL money:** We discussed footpath/pavement alternatives for Whitchurch and a bus shelter for Morcombelake and agreed that both might be better than spending all the money on benches.

Other matters

- Cllr. Carey and others (River Lim Monitors and Lower Char Community Project) met Baroness Jenny Jones (Green Party peer) in Lyme Regis on 15th September to discuss sewage and pollution on local beaches and in local rivers

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