

## **Dunsford Climate Initiative minutes of meeting**

Meeting at The Tea Rooms, Dunsford, 7.15pm 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Present – Cllr Paul French, Cllr Hayley Smith, Cllr Alison Arnold, Cllr Rebecca Squire, Ruth Stevens, Julia Kirkland and Danny McGahey.

1. **Apologies** – Pip Hayes.
2. **Minutes of the last DCI meeting** – agreed and signed.
3. Review of actions. See below.
4. B3212 path – Paul reported that Highways will not sell the land. Agreed to ask if they will rent/lease. Danny to continue specification discussions. Traffic calming measures and reduced speed limit discussed.
5. The other “path” – Paul to continue with this.
6. Stepping Stones – Paul has spoken to the Ranger who is now on the case. Environment Agency will not accept present plan of concrete on base of river. Possible solution could be to mimic Tarr Steps at Exmoor.
7. Walking the bounds. Ruth reported this event is going forward on 6<sup>th</sup> May. Ruth to put piece in Parish Magazine.
8. Wildlife Wardens activities – Julia reported that Brown hairstreak butterfly eggs have been found at Thomas Cross.  
Bulbs have been planted at the WI bench at Thomas Cross and Butts and wild flower seeds planted in The Orchard. Thanks to Danny for help in The Orchard.  
Tree giveaway supported by DWT will take place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, thanks to those who have volunteered to help.
9. March Parish Magazine - Ali to write piece on Big Plastic Count and a sentence on recycling boxes.
10. Matters arising –  
Working with schools on Climate Festival, Rebecca to action this.

Enhancing biodiversity in our community, ideas include identifying an area for a Dunsford Woodland Park, similar to Bridford Woodland Park.

Heat Pumps/Area heating system for the future, to include public/private housing? In village centre.

Review of street lights and shields to limit wildlife disturbance.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 7.15pm, venue TBC.

Signed.

Paul French Lead Councillor DCI

Date.