

## **Shepton Beauchamp Cowleaze Meadow Project**

Notes on AGM held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2011.

Present Debbie, Ruth, Roger, Barrie and Mary.

Chairman's report: Achievements include Planting Orchard, and hedging. Planting and maintenance of Plantation, wildflower meadow, shrubs and trees. Grass cutting, and recent cutting of long grass and raking off grass for benefit of wildlife. Installation of 2 bug houses, preparation and construction of willow tunnel. Planting of daffodils at entrance to site. Ride on mower bought and used well. Launch and official opening in May with music and dancing enjoyed by all, unveiling of notice board and general introduction of site to villagers. We hope to host other events here, including those for Jubilee weekend next year. The site is hosting educational visits from local schools over a five mile radius with the Wildlife Trust's early years and Primary programme. The village Pre school and School enjoy visiting the site and using the raised beds. The School also hold their Forest School activities there.

Future: Pond/scrape to be set up later this year. We may be able to have a community "puddling" event to make the scrape watertight, which would be better than using plastic sheeting if it works

Sensory Garden: to be investigated later, as it is such a labour intensive project, it might be more sensible to plant some grasses initially, and wait to see how the volunteers help.

Also organise cutting rota, erect bird, bat, owl boxes, and hedgehog homes.

Treasurers report. Roger reported this has been audited and found a true and fair view of group's finances. We have money in the account to maintain mower, pay for servicing and insurance, our main outgoings. As we have no other income, this will have to be carefully husbanded.

Election of officers. Marcus and David have stepped down from the committee, but wish to attend work parties when convenient. We thank them for their contribution to the project, and hope to see them at future work parties. The members of the committee agreed to continue in their present roles, and were duly elected.

The Committee is therefore: Chair	Debbie Welch
Vice Chair	Barrie Bentley
Treasurer	Roger Cripps
Secretary	Mary Clarke
Member	Ruth Moore
Member Vacancy	

Jubilee Events. The events team have produced a plan for events over the weekend of Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June inclusive. We have agreed to host an event at Cowleaze, and we suggested a Quiz/treasure hunt around the village from 10 am to 12 midday, Community Picnic/BarBQ with people providing their own food and drink and using a communal BarBQ. This to be followed at 2pm to 4pm with a workshop/ communal event for people to join in eg drumming etc. Mary and Debbie to investigate possibilities and report back. We would hope to use village gazebos if possible, and some of our own, We may need help with erection of them, and to remove at 4pm and take to Rec if needed there. As no one can attend this meeting, Mary to email our proposals to committee prior to the meeting.

We have received a large quantity of daffodil bulbs from SCC, and these are being planted along the track to the meadow. We have also been given a donation of 400 bulbs, some native species, from Avon Bulbs. The native ones will be planted in the plantation, and the others on the banks near the pumping station. Mary to thank Avon bulbs for their donation.

Mary Clarke 13/12/2011