

Sutton Environment & History Group

Tuesday 3rd September 2014
Meetings notes

1. Notes from last meeting – covered below
2. Neighbourhood Plan. A Strategic Environmental Assessment report had been received from Herefordshire Council as part of the Neighbourhood Plan scoping work. It was sent to Natural England, English Heritage & the Environment Agency for consultation, and to the Parish Council for information only. The report contains a wide range of environment information of interest to the group. **Action: Judy to send report round**
3. Hedgerows - Saturday 27th September 11.00-13.30 from Village Hall. Rebecca coming on train & bus. Advertised as £2.00 per person. Suggested £35 to Rebecca, possibly also some travel costs. We have £56 from last event. Steering group to arrive at Village Hall for 10.30/45. Refreshments can be at start for some (if early!) but mostly at the end. Same day as Neighbourhood plan event in Village Hall, so may be good cross-fertilisation. Advertised in Sutton News. To do- Posters for telegraph poles, noticeboards and school, advertise on website. Pens/paper, camera to record info.
Actions: Judy- tea, coffee, sugar, squash, website, posters; Allen- biscuits; Ann- Milk; Les- camera; Rick- notebook/paper/pens
4. Other events - forthcoming events were advertised in September Sutton News
 - Cecelia - enclosure and strip fields in Sutton, 19th February
 - Mary Roberts - river plants/river dipping, 20th June 2015
 - Mary Roberts - tree walk/identification, 19th September 2015
 - Keith/Rick - Renewable Energy day, Winter 2015?
 - Future: Nigel Jeffries happy to do a talk on the history of the canal, Tim Hoverd a landscape archaeology walk, David Holton at Moreton talks on Hereford place names and interesting churches. Archives - local history/family history event?**Action: Judy to add events to Website**
5. Update on activities:
 - Community Plan information sheet- illustrations of activities & successes of the Community Plan one-year on. This was printed in colour by the Parish Council with 100 for distribution at the Village Fete on 12th July and some were put in the Golden Cross pub. Another version has been produced by the Parish Clerk to be put into Sutton News later in the Autumn. **Action: Judy to edit**
 - Natural & Historic Environment information. Herefordshire Nature Trust published a list of birds in Herefordshire, Les has the details. Les continuing to scan the large file of information from Sutton Court and old maps of c.1900 **Action: Les scanning**
 - Renewable energy: Solar and wind are the only suitable sources for the village, possibly also biomass. Water and groundsource seem least possible. Ovoenergy do

community energy scheme which Rick will look into a bit further. **Action: Rick & Keith – further Ovoenergy research, solar panel assessment for village**

- Neighbourhood Watch. CSO Elena Ekanite visited and provided advice on Neighbourhood Watch. It is a small scale, very localised system, a few houses link together to keep watch for each other. Ann tried to register on website but not successful, so will try again. **Action: Ann register on website**
 - Dog fouling. Worst area is the path between the Golden Cross and the Church, the corner opposite the golden cross, and the path along the churchyard **Action: Judy to put in Sutton News and website**
 - Litter pick. The last litter pick collected rubbish largely from outside the centre of the village. Another one in November for the rest of the village. **Action: Les to organise for November**
6. World War 1 project. Allen to research into local people who served in World War I. Ann Burke, Bill Glover and others have also started looking into this. Joyce Lewis at the post office will be worth talking to along with others in the village, Joyce is happy to talk to Allen. **Action: Allen to follow lines of research & contact Joyce Lewis. Ann also to continue research.**
 7. AOB: Bus timetable changed on August 31st. Not widely advertised. **Action: Judy to put on website**
 8. Next meetings: **Dec 3rd**, Mar 4th 2015, June 3rd 2015. Quarterly, first Wednesday of the month, usually 7.30-9.00pm