

IDE COMMUNITY ORCHARD MANAGEMENT GROUP

Minutes of meeting, Thursday May 9th, 2024.

1 Station Road, Ide; 1930.

APOLOGIES:

Julian Perrett.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mark Thomas, Nick Bradley, Richard Cottle, James Romain, Sue Cloke, Andy Bragg, Mel Liversidge.

1: Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

2: Blossom Brunch Plans: A good chat about the event taking place on Sunday 19th May. Anna Mace-Leska from the RSPB will do a talk. We'll share proceeds with the RSPB and also agreed a £100.00 donation.

3: Management Plan: Continues to be a work in progress although Julian flagged via email that Devon County Council have a web page devoted to Biodiversity Net Gain projects.

4: Kissing Gate. We have quotes from 3 sources for the building of a Kissing Gate. It was agreed that we would ask Will Bosworth to do the work. He did the gate in the Orchard and also some significant work at Weir Meadow.

Information Boards: James (and his partner Jessamy) has done some great work on this which he shared. The draft boards look terrific. They will need text and some more images. Mark and James to meet up early June (poss May half-term). Also Richard will come up with some images.

5: Mulch and grass cutting: Andy will deliver some mulch and has also looked at how we can get the grass cut and removed. This may not be all of the grass, but hopefully a significant proportion of it.

7: Future events: We will hold our informal Solstice gathering on Friday June 21st, bright and early. Nothing is planned beyond simply inviting people up to watch the sun rise. Also Apple Day will be Sunday 19th October.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 8th July at 7pm in Ide Community Orchard.

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