



## Minutes of Meeting 17th February 2025 – 9.30am, Rubin Room, WHVH

**Present:** Catherine Young (Chair) Claire Brown, Carol Wilson, Sylvia Igglesden, Alex Veys, Chris Harris, Chris Jany, Penny Whitlock, Mel Benyon, Pip Davis, Rachel Hollaway, Clare Bevan, Juliet Robinson

### 1. Apologies for Absence:

Roy Proctor, Youth Council, Jane Howard, Kendall Collinson, Carole Mattock, Paul Dodgson

### 2. Minutes and Actions from previous meeting:

Minutes agreed – some actions are covered by items on this agenda e.g., Pill packets and how to recycle could go into PC's newsletters.

The Big Guildford Seed Swop takes place on Sunday 27th 11-2 Holy Trinity Hall. Guildford. There is also seeds to swop in Horsley library.

Bike bus – JR to meet up with Cllr Guy Murray at WHPC in his role as Governor at The Raleigh.

### 3. Repair cafe - Update from Alex Veys

1st meeting July 2024, and it now meets on the 1st Saturday of every month - 10 -12.30 in the Canterbury rooms at St. Martin's Church, East Horsley.

Horsley Community fund was used to buy signage and electrical testers.

Volunteers come along regularly – 'Fixers' - Electromechanical, and textiles, plus Catering - tea and homemade cake - Welcoming - volunteers about 20 on duty, about 30 come along. Form filling has tracked what "things" we've fixed - had tracked weight, but not getting enough details, so that's been stopped.

Encourage people to help with the repair to see how "Easy "or difficult it is. -

Leather jackets, clocks, gardening tools, have all been brought and have we have fixed more than half the stuff that we get. Some must be taken home but is then returned to the customer.

£5-£20 donations are asked for to cover costs, and when there is a surplus, we will pay the money back to HCF.

Ring a bell when something is fixed - or children ring the bell which they love.

The future:

Not everyone can make a Saturday, so our group need to share when other cafes are taking place e.g. The Hive at Park Barn. We are part of the National network of Repair Cafes and they provide lots on online resources and support. All ages coming along – it's a safe place to come and socialize and learn new skills.

### 4. Events update

Event number 6 is all about Nature Recovery and how we can help. It will take place on Thursday 6th March from 7.30pm till 9pm at East Horsley Village Hall. CY has organized a panel of speakers (Surrey Wildlife Trust, The Surrey Hills, Surrey County Council and the Guildford Environmental Forum) who will talk about what the Nature Recovery program is, and how we can all help to protect our natural environment, e.g. by creating a wild area in our gardens.

Refreshments by Quaich, Antony will do the sound, and we will ask EHPC to help set up.

CY said if we want to do future events we can, but someone needs to take the lead and organize it.

## 5. Project Updates: for 2025

- a. We need to publish an updated carbon footprint measure. CY has researched doing this by a small newsletter across the villages using grants that may be available. We should also explore a webpage, and build up our social media on Nextdoor etc. A small group needed to do this.
- b. **Plastic Free Horsley's:** Following Mel's initial work, CY will help to produce a Briefing note that provides background information, shares ideas on what we can do and objectives. Cy emphasized the need to start small and then build it up. Target launch is to tie in with nationwide Plastic Free July.
- c. **Walking for Wellbeing:** SI was hoping Yendle would attend to provide an update, but this has been launched on the West Horsley Place website:

<https://www.westhorsleyplace.org/explore-our-estate>

## 6. Community Updates:

**6.1 Churches** St Martin's Silver eco award, - not going for Gold straight away as don't want to be a tick box exercise. - going to engage more with community. - solar panels positive result going to pre-planning - Diocese are supportive. St Mary's - Roman (Hatchland's ranger) going to plant up wild flower planting on verges - Bat walks in the back of the church in May. Waiting to hear news on the new Church facility before more work is done.

All Saints Ockham - Eco gold award achieved – it was a very formidable process. Bookham, who have got Gold, has a support group for questions to be answered.

**6.2 Zero Carbon** Has moved down near the station. - Community fridge and water testing are still taking place. There is no terracycling or shop sadly.

**6.3 Parish Council updates** East Horsley parish council are buying more 'Shop Local' Banners. West Horsley PC Biodiversity Task Group - wild flower area on village green being put in. Bio blitz will take place in the Orchard.

Sewer overflow in East Horsley - was opened overnight in January for 1 hour. Issues with this and general flooding will be raised through the flood forum.

**6.3 WI Update** Blister packs. Recycling sporadic by pharmacies as it costs them. WI's have voted to put forward a motion to act on this issue. Fingers crossed this is the selected motion. Can someone write to Zoe Franklin? - Pip to write notes for Catherine to let her know about Horsley's CAN concern.

Chris Harris - Talk for local WI's 19th March 15.00 - Balfour Beaty - about M25Jct10A3 road works - Atkins ecologists going to talk about Eco bridge between Ockham common and Wisley. Q & A session. The ladies have been invited from Horsley CAN group and have volunteered to provide refreshments.

7. AOB – none

**8. Date of next meeting: Monday 17th March 9.15 Rubin Room West Horsley Village Hall.**