

## Sustainable Northstowe Meeting

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm

### Attendees:

Maria, Bethany, Chris

#### 1. AGM

We have enough members for the AGM to go ahead (7 for quorum) but we don't have enough nominations for the committee. Discussed pushing the AGM back another month until the end of March. This will allow us to seek out new committee members at the litter pick.

#### 2. Update from Carla (unable to attend in person.)

Carla emailed the committee with a couple of updates.

- a. Carla has created a list of books that we could donate to the micro-library.

ACTION- Carla to be asked to send list so it can be checked by the committee.

- b. Food alliance – Carla attended a meeting about the cost-of-living crisis and food. There is talk of setting up a food alliance that would bring together various groups and organisations to help co-ordinate projects etc.

- c. Funding for Community Lead – Carla has looked into various options for funding a paid Pantry Lead. This would need to be a role in partnership with another organisation, as there is a lot of extra work in employees a member of staff. The committee agreed we would be happy to help fund the position but would need to be recruited by another organisation.

#### 3. Upcoming Events

- a. Litter pick in partnership with Pathfinder Church- 17<sup>th</sup> March. We hope to run a Brand Audit.

- b. GBGW Skip Day – 15<sup>th</sup> June

- c. Markets – we have cancelled our February market stall. Would like to run a seed/ plant swap at the next monthly market day – 24<sup>th</sup> March. Maria will speak to the NHA Committee and ask for some volunteers.

ACTION- to speak to NHA committee

ACTION- to advertise seed swap (posters and social media)

#### 4. Community Pantry

Still going well, will be inducting a new volunteer soon. Have had someone enquire about helping as the Pantry Lead, meeting TBC. Are currently distributing food to the Cabin on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursday and Sundays. Hope to increase this to 7 days at some point. We still have money from Northstowe Foodies for a fridge, but no capacity to implement this yet. CDO's (Community Development Officers) have suggested we speak to the Northstowe Hub about a collaboration, but aware they are also limited with time/volunteers.

We have funds from the Co-op Local Community Grant to spend. Committee agree to spend some money on boxes and bags for the volunteers.

**ACTION** – to buy boxes and bags for volunteers.

#### 5. Plastic Free Longstanton & Northstowe

Chris shared information with the group about the Big Plastic Count.

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/>

Maria has shared details on the PF FB page encouraging people to join in.