KEG meeting 7th March 2024

Item	Notes	Actions
1.	**Welcome + notes from last meeting**	
	Round the room / present: Phil Durrant (chairing, Kid Baptist Church) Chris Brennan, Henry Brougham (Kidlington News), Peter & Julia Trowles (St Mary's Fields, Abundance), Sue Baines (Kid Gardening Soc), Doug Williamson (KPC), Alison Street (KPC), Rhiannon Young (Wild Oxfordshire), Ruth Mo (Baptist Church, Community allotment) Apologies: Kelly White (Cherwell District Council Healthy Place-shaping Team) Kidlington News deadline 12pm Friday 8th March Next KEG meeting = Thursday 11th March	
2.	**Connecting**- sharing news / events (+ intros for any new groups/guests or requests for help etc).	
	Home Close Garden – Alison reported Whatsapp group for working party now working. There had been some vandalism but only minor. St Mary's Fields applying for grants to improve their main path with hoggin for wheelchair access. This has been delayed as flooding has made it impossible to complete an application. Local Elections coming up in April. Possibility of a questionnaire being set up for KEG to be able to submit questions and concerns to the candidates. Forthcoming talks by the Ashmolean Natural History Society of Oxford at Exeter Hall: April 16th 8pm 'Oxfordshire's Local Nature Recovery Strategy' May 7th 'Ancient Oaks' Rhiannon reported that CDC want a promotional video on Wild Kidlington. She wanted an input from KEG members. Filming by Nicolas Schafer either at 11th May Eco Fair or after a KEG meeting. There is a new group 'Kidlington Litter Pickers' which meets weekly. Managed by Les Dent. To go on the website. Ethical Banking – Ruth to pass info to Phil for the website Cherwell Swifts need a new co-ordinator.	Julia/Peter **Everyone** bring a few questions to put to the candidates for **next** meeting **Phil** **Ruth**
3.	**Communicating**	
	The Terracycle facility is now located at KMC. Julia will talk to Mel Snelling about publicising it.	**Julia**

4.	**Collaborating**	
	GREEN – Winter & Spring **Earth Hour Sat 23rd March 8.30 – 9.30pm** In Kidlington will start at 8.00pm in St Mary's Fields. KPC will fund an Eventbrite poster. Julia to provide benches and a table. Rhiannon to provide a fire-pit, hot chocolate and marshmallows. **TVERC City Nature Challenge**: dates confirmed as Friday 26th- Monday 29th April. **Dawn Chorus Walk 5th May 4.45am** **Nature friendly gardens open day 15th June** Five people were now signed up. Rhiannon would like to involve Hazel Walk Allotments. Helen in Waverley Ave is keen on helping hedgehogs. **BLUE – winter & spring** Canal and Rivers Trust – would have a new staff member covering Kidlington. This is an opportunity to adopt a length of canal and set up a local group to monitor it. There is a **Tow-path Survey** scheduled for 29th April. Peter suggested Dukes Cut to Sparrowgap Bridge, by the Jolly Boatman. The Rivers Trust Big River Spring Watch is scheduled for Friday 3rd – Monday 6th May. Julia and Peter will publicise it. **RED – winter & spring** Phil is waiting for a response from sustainable Wantage.	**Julia and Rhiannon** **Peter & Julia**