KEG meeting 1st February 2024

Item	Notes	Actions
1.	**Welcome + notes from last meeting**	
	Round the room / present: Phil Durrant (chairing, Kid Baptist Church), Kelly White (Cherwell District Council Healthy Place-shaping Team), Chris Brennan, Henry Broughman (Kidlington News), Meg Keates (Harvest@Home CC) Peter & Julia Trowles (St Mary's Fields, Abundance), Sue Baines (Kid Gardening Soc), Doug Williamson (KPC), Alison Street (KPC), Fiona Mawson (KPC &Community allotment), Rhiannon Young (Wild Oxfordshire), Kidlington News deadline 12pm Friday 9th February Next KEG meeting = Thursday 7th March	
2.	**Connecting**- sharing news / events (+ intros for any new groups/guests or requests for help etc).	
	Home Close Graden – Alison doing Watsapp group for local residents to make a lose working group We are now a Low Carbon Hub community group so can apply to grants as KEG. Can sign up to the low carbon hub newsletter by asking Phil. What's flying tonight – website that shows what wildlife is out and about. St Mary's Fields applying for grants to improve their main path with hogging for wheelchair access. 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.	Everyone who wants to give Alison their number to join the group Alison pass on TOE info to Graham Everyone bring a few questions to put to the candidates for next meeting
3.	**Communicating**	
	Kelly White – Healthy Place-shaping Team and K5 partnership - Walking maps - Creating a fourth walking route 7 miles through Yarnton and Begbroke - Zoo trails have been resurfaced. - Met with sustainable Wantage about draught busters scheme, plan to deliver pilot project in Heyford, Cherwell. Using infrared cameras to see draughts. Hope to find a group of volunteers that would like to do the project in Kidlington in the autumn. Will provide training and potential funding for resources. Meg Keane – - Harvest at Home = Local growing sites for food	

	- Food goes to volunteers and surplus to larder - Banbury and Bicester also have growing sites - Events: Exeter Close planters in the playground weeding session Thursday 8th - Park Hill – re-opening the site and working out what is being planted 17th Feb 10am – 12pm - Plant swaps planned - Co-grow ox facebook private group to help with encouragement, sharing knowledge and excitement. - Hazel walk allotment sessions every Friday at 2pm	
4.	**Collaborating**	
	GREEN – Winter & Spring Doing a moth trap in March for Earth Hour. As a trial run ready for later in Spring / Summer Earth Hour – at Park Hill copse this year (woodland walk, fire pit and moth trap 8:30 – 9:30pm) TVERC bioblitz city nature challenge = 26th March – 29th April 2024 tbc dates might be 26th March to 29th March - look for confirmed dates on TVERC website Nature friendly open gardens 15th June – two people already asked to use their gardens on the day. Julia and Sue would like their gardens added. Advertise through Gardening society, allotments, Kidlington Gardeners (Facebook page). Advertise for gardens through Kidlington Voice, Nextdoor, Facebook. - Rhiannon to send Fiona and Doug information to circulate to the allotment groups. - Could advertise open gardens Great Big Green week website. - Link with CC larder to have tea, coffees and cakes on the day. - Will have leaflet map for visitors to collect from Exeter Hall Hedgehog Highways – Chris B setting up a Facebook group for hedgehog highways in Foxdown to share photos of their hedgehogs and gaps etc. **BLUE – winter** Canal and Rivers Trust – a couple of people in Kidlington keen to be involved with a towpath taskforce. Possibly do something with the River Trust - Big River Watch activity in Spring. - Pete talking to Dan / Francesca about what the project might look like **RED – winter** Draught busters project – Julia and Kelly discussing Kidlington project about the training, and cameras - Phil talking to sustainable Wantage	Julia and Rhiannon to discuss Rhiannon / Julia Rhiannon Peter Phil and Julia