



The next meeting of the Southbourne Environment Group will be held on Thursday 14th March 2024 at St John's Church, Main Road, Southbourne PO10 8LB starting at 19.30.

AGENDA

- 1 Welcome and opening remarks (LD)
- 2 **Apologies**
- 3 **Minutes of the last meeting**, January 8th 2024. Corrections and matters arising not coming up later on the agenda. Age Concern garden(LH).
- 4 **Budget.**
The net balance in our account is £928.07. I have received the following requests:
(i) From Southbourne Junior School for funding the purchase of materials for a birdbox making project by year 5. Total project cost: £520.
(ii) From Paul Metcalfe on behalf of the Friends of the Hambrook for funding the cost of a water quality testing kit at a cost of £100.
(iii) Approval for the cost of a talk on Butterflies by Michael Blencowe in the autumn estimated to be £141.50. Note that this will take place in the next financial year.
- 5 **Litter picking** arrangements 16th March 2024.
- 6 **Reports:** Winter Waders walk on January 20th 2024 and talk by Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital on February 8th 2024. Daffodil and crocus plantings on Southbourne verges.
- 7 **Dates for Programme of events for 2024:**
Tesco/Holm oak gardening sessions
Triangle tidy up and planting. Possibility of a grant from Emsworth Show surplus.
Walks: bat walk, Chidham bund for green winged orchids, Chichester Canal for dragonflies, Knepp safari.
Talks: Michael Blencowe (butterflies) and John Arnott (local wildlife)
Litter picking sessions
- 8 **Correspondence**
From Phil Coleman: regarding clearing detritus from the stream in Nutbourne
From John Auric: update about tree wardens from West Sussex Tree Warden Scheme
From Sara Osman(CDC): survey to gauge interest in setting up a Climate Champions Network being set up.
- 9 **Date and place of next meeting:** Thursday April 11th 2024 at St John's Church.
- 10 **AOB** Notify Lyn in advance please