BIODIVERSITY INFORMATION JULY 2024

Time for a change, time for a real push for Nature Recovery, to find out how you can be part of this come to the meeting on July 9th start time 7pm (doors open 6.30), topics being Nature Recovery in Wiltshire and field findings in Bradford-on-Avon and Wiltshire.

Wildlife and Countryside link: 82 organisations have come together in coalition to use their strong joint voices for the protection of Nature. Please support this initiative - we need nature for our survival in the restoration of our soils, the production of food and to reduce our carbon footprint.

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Jonathan Francis: Although it is obvious we are politically part of Wiltshire, Bioregion wise it is equally obvious we are part of the Avon valley. It therefore makes sense we uphold existing and develop greater ties with both. On this subject, here is a group I am personally (Jonathan, Avonleigh Orchards) involved with but wish to share with you - Bath Area Growers June newsletter

It is essentially networking and community building around organic vegetable growing, a significant part of regenerative agriculture. With subjects such as planning, seed saving, kids and people with learning disabilities accessing land projects, affordable food, what is not to like! Sometimes as a town we will want to do our own thing, sometimes we will want to collaborate with our neighbouring communities. But we will always want to communicate and share knowledge.

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Kate Nottage is the new chair of the Biodiversity Group. She talked to CFB about her experience of the 'People's Assembly for Nature' at our meeting in March, following the AGM. She became one of the 103 people who took part in the Assembly over four weekends. With experts on hand for information, they discussed and debated, supported by 'Involve' who brought them together to draw up their Calls to Action.

Kate shared how everyone worked together and some of what they found out – every 10 years or so a new (and lower) norm is found acceptable for the little amount of nature we have left; that nature is resilient and could bounce back if we strive for it; that 10 brands control nearly all of the food on our plates and much of it can hardly be called nutritious; the inequalitites in access to nature, and much more. All of which can be found in the report at https://peoplesplanfornature.org/

My thanks to those of you who have supported the Biodiversity Group in the past. Email climate champions to join this group climatechampions@gmail.com

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