

Shores of South Devon (marine life interest group)

Steering Group Minutes

5th Meeting

29th October 2020 19:30 h, by Zoom

1. Present: Toby Sherwin (co-chair), Mike Puleston (co-chair), Peter Jonas, Anne Gwynn

2. Apologies: Celia Hadow, Rob Morgan (Treasurer)

3. Minutes of last Meeting and Matters arising:

The minutes were accepted. **TS** stated that he had initiated an approach to Graeme Smith about possibly leasing a Beach Hut at Coryton Cove from TDC.

4. Membership report (**TS**):

At least 3 new members have joined since the last meeting.

5. Treasurer's report (**RM**):

TS reported in the Treasurer's absence. He had received payment from 4 new members (we need to tally the Treasurer's number with that of the Membership Secretary). The balance in the bank is £105 but £14.39 is owed to **TS** for a Zoom payment.

6. Safaris and Zoom talks:

It was agreed that Keith Hiscock's talk on 20th October had been very successful with about 27 viewers and that we should continue with 3 or 4 monthly Zoom talks over the coming months and **MP** was asked to go ahead and find some more speakers. It would be necessary to inform every speaker that SoSD does not have the funds to reimburse them.

The safari to Fairy Cove had been very successful with 5 attendees, **MP**, **TS**, **AG**, Mark ??? and a new SoSD member, Kristina Hixon. Many photographs had been posted on the Facebook site.

MP will invite a Marine Conservation student, Emma Griffin, to the next safari on 15th November on the Shaldon Salty to lead a group if the numbers require separate groups. He will produce an appropriate Risk Assessment form that meets Covid19 requirements.

7. Plover Rovers. **TS** has been approached by the Plover Rovers charity to see if we will be prepared to co-operate with them in their SW coast path walking-talking enterprise when it passes through Teignmouth. No one had heard of this charity, but **TS** noted that Kristina Hixon was mentioned as a volunteer on their Website and would approach them to find out more about them before responding.
8. Youtube subscription channel. **TS** has set up a YouTube subscription channel called Shores of South Devon, and on it has posted Keith Hiscock's talk, a short film that he and **MP** prepared for TAAG last year and a few of his own short videos of animals on rocky shores. He proposed putting videos of the other talks on the channel subject to the speaker's approval. He has passed on the log in details to **MP** who will see if he can add his own movies. The Steering Group approved the idea of a Shores of South Devon YouTube channel as a way of promoting the group.
9. AOB. **PJ** asked about the membership of the Facebook site. **MP** stated that it was very healthy and now had 548 members, which was more than Coastwise North Devon.
10. Next meeting:
The next Zoom meeting will take place fairly shortly after the Hiscock talk.
11. The meeting ended at 20:20 h.
12. No date was fixed for the next meeting, but it will probably be held mid to late November after the next safari and Zoom talk.