Shores of South Devon (marine life interest association)

Steering Group Minutes

11th Meeting

6th July 2021 19:30 h, by Zoom

1. Present: Toby Sherwin (co-chair), Mike Puleston (co-chair, first half hour only), Anne Gwynn, Rob Morgan (Treasurer), Sue Watson-Bate, Gavin Watson-Bate
2. Apologies: Pete Jonas
3. Minutes of last Meeting and Matters arising:
The minutes were accepted. Zoom subscriptions have been terminated until the resumption of Zoom talks in the Autumn. The barnacle survey proposed by **MP** has not yet taken place. The planned rockpool meeting at Bundle Head, Shaldon did not take place on 27th June because of bad weather. It was agreed to re-schedule the meeting for 7th August (with 21st August as a reserve in case of bad weather) and that members put both dates in their diaries.
4. Membership and Chairman’s update report (**TS**):
\* We have no new members this month
\* Ju Lewis has retired from the Steering Group because of other commitments. **TS** and **MP** had thanked her for her contribution to improving the Facebook site.
5. Treasurer’s report (**RM**):
As of 5th June, the balance of the bank account stood at £149.27. We also hold £17.85 cash. £28.78 has been paid to **TS** for Zoom rental invoice in April and May.
6. Safaris and Zoom talks:
None are planned for next month.
7. Facebook
At the time of the meeting the Facebook site has 899 members. The site is still very active with some interesting posts.
8. AOB
*Article in Mid Devon Advertiser*
It was agreed that when we meet at the re-scheduled Bundle Head rock pool meeting we take a group photograph and prepare an article for publication in the Mid Devon Advertiser (which includes Teignmouth Post and Dawlish Gazette).
*The Rockpool Project*
**TS** has arranged to become a local co-ordinator for the Cornwall based Rockpool Project ( [www.therockpoolproject.co.uk](http://www.therockpoolproject.co.uk) ) alongside **MP**. He proposed leading a 2 hour crustacean survey at Ness Point, Shaldon, as part of their programme in August. The date for this survey needs to be between 8th and 14th August. **TS** will poll Steering Group members by email to check their availability.
*Dawlish Great Big Green Week (18th Sept 2021)*This was mentioned by **TS** as an afterword in the minutes of the last meeting. Since then he has discovered that in order to participate we would have to pay a total of £108 for a gazebo and table and public liability insurance, a sum we can not afford, especially as we would also have to prepare advertising material. Adding to this difficulty, a number of Steering Group members will be away then. Nevertheless it was agreed that **TS** approach the Marine Conservation Society to see if there was any way we could collaborate with them (if not this time then in the future).
*Big Seaweed Search (* [www.bigseaweedsearch.org](http://www.bigseaweedsearch.org) *)*
This nationwide Citizen Science project is holding a training day on 24th July in Weymouth. None of the Steering Group present were able or willing to attend on this occasion, although interest was expressed in holding a training event in south Devon at a later date. **TS** will write to Jules Agate at the Marine Conservation Society to tell her of our interest.
9. Next meeting:
The next Zoom meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd August at 1930 h.
10. The meeting ended at 2040 h.