Shores of South Devon (marine life interest association)

Steering Group Minutes

12th Meeting

3rd August 2021 19:30 h, by Zoom

1. Present: Toby Sherwin (co-chair), Mike Puleston (co-chair), Anne Gwynn, Rob Morgan (Treasurer), Sue Watson-Bate, Gavin Watson-Bate, Pete Jonas
2. Minutes of last Meeting and Matters arising:
The minutes were accepted.
3. Membership and Chairman’s update report (**TS**):
We have no new members this month
4. Treasurer’s report (**RM**):
As of 3rd August, 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.
5. Safaris and Zoom talks:
There are no safaris or Zoom talks planned for next month. However, **TS** invited SG members to participate in a Rock Pool Project 45 minute Crustacean survey at Ness Head on 8th August meeting at 1130 am. All members agreed to come although **MP** said that he intended only to take photographs that could be used for an article in the Mid-Devon Advertiser. Those attending were requested to read the relevant material on the Rock Pool Project website and to register with them.
6. Facebook
At the time of the meeting the Facebook site has 920 members. All is going well and there has been a steady trickle of new members, but about 50% of the applicants have had to be rejected for not answering the questions. There had not been any dodgy posts but unfortunately **MP** had had to take down one about the proposed development at Beacon Head, Torquay, by **SW-B**, because it involved a campaign and consequently violated the rules of the Facebook site (even though the aims of the campaign were supported by the SG).
7. Future events
*Dawlish Carnival***TS** has secured the agreement of Dawlish Carnival to refund the cost of Public Liability Insurance for us to have a display and make a presentation at the carnival on 18th August, which will now go ahead. **AG** agreed to help **TS** on the day.
*Dawlish Great Big Green Week (18th Sept 2021)*The PLI cover secured with Dawlish Carnival will provide for all future displays for a year. It was thus agreed to attend the Great Big Green Week event, where a gazebo and table will be provided. Since **TS** will be away then **MP** and **RM** agreed to organise the display. It is still hoped that the MCS will be involved, and maybe cover the £12 charged by the organisers to defray the cost of the event.
8. AOB
**MP** was keen that the Association did not encourage or promote seaweed foraging and will use that message at the Great Big Green Week event.
**MP** mentioned that he had been approached by Nova Mieszkowska of the MBA for the group to look out for the invasive Devil’s Tongue Weed (*Grateloupia turuturu*) which was known to be found at Ness Head. He offered to give a quick lesson on its identification when we meet there on 8th August.
9. Next meeting:
The next Zoom meeting will be held on Tuesday 31st August at 1930 h.
10. The meeting ended at 2050 h.