**St Day Environmental Concern Group / Sustainable St Day**

**1st Meeting: 2nd September 6pm, St Day Inn**

Rebecca RR, Sue SWi, Karen KJ, Pete PM, Clare CS, Pete Cole PC, John Carley JC (Chacewater), Phil P, Wendy Brown WB, Sally SW

1. A man in full PPE is spraying weeds in the village during the day & around children. SWi and another parent have already asked him to stop.

JC reported Chacewater do not allow the use of pesticides. Cornwall Council has declared climate emergency and have been allowing weeds and wildflowers to grow on verges.

***RR to submit question to parish clerk in advance of parish council meeting on Monday 9th September to ask 1. what is being sprayed on the weeds and 2. request parish council if it is possible to use alternatives to pesticides by any of the contractors.***

***SWi to attend pre meeting parish council Q&A at 7pm on Monday 9th September to follow this up.***

1. Chacewater are already doing great work for environmental awareness - putting 2 electric vehicle charge points into village car park, exploring all new commercial premises and dwellings being connected to 3 phase to allow for heat pumps etc. Also hosted a sustainability day on 27th July which was very well attended and are planning a carbon independence day for 4th July 2020.

*Could we also host an evening Q&A on sustainable solutions and invite Kensa Pumps to present on air/ground source heat pumps?*

1. Dates for diaries : **7th September 10 – 4 Cornwall Green Party meeting to discuss forward policy (£5 incl. coffee)**

**20th September – Youth Strike for Climate in Truro – adults possibly striking in support too.**

**6th November – Edwina Hannaford (Localism and Environment at CC) consultation at Royal Cornwall Showground.**

1. Engagement – agreed as an important aim of the group. We need a young’un really. Need to involve the school.

***Advertise group meetings in newsletter and on St Day FB page. Set up FB page and Instagram for the group. (SW) Everyone else to decide on name of group and tell SW.***

***Use #secondhandseptember to raise awareness of catastrophic fast fashion / give some stuff away / engage. Be the Solution can be used as a pick up point.***

***KJ inviting school kids to do the Be the Solution window. We could invite a representative to attend a meeting.***

1. *Work towards an XR Climate Emergency talk in the St Day/Chacewater/Caharrack area.*
2. *Village clean – SWi daughter might be interested - best lead by a child with our support. Possibility of applying for a green Blue Pater badge 😊*
3. KJ visited Bodmin Recycling Centre – highly recommended but need to book in advance. Data is available on curbside collections**. *KJ to get this for St Day so we can publish trends over time / comparisons with other villages..***
4. JC – Chacewater are visited the energy from waste plant in October and Cornwall Sustainable Building Trust at Eden.

***JC to find out if some of us could possibly tag along. Or perhaps we could arrange a visit ourselves if not.***

1. KJ - Importance of embracing existing organisations in St. Day. Both businesses and voluntary. Currently no comprehensive list. Lesley was previously looking at a list of voluntary organisations and might have something that will be a starting point for us.

KJ and SWi – Date for diaries - **Sustainable Christmas Fair – Sunday 17th November – shopping locally.**

1. ***WB to research Beetle Drive as a fun event to raise awareness of 200 species becoming extinct every day.***
2. Transport accounts for approx. 25% emissions in Cornwall. JC – Co Cars in Truro offer service where you can rent an electric car by the hour. Pasty Connection – facilitating lift sharing for longer distances.

***Areas for group to focus – lift sharing short journeys. Improvement of public transport affordability and frequency. Safe cycle and pedestrian routes.***

1. CS is launching Signs and Wonders and up for collaboration. Possibility of a pub quiz with an Eco. round.
2. **NEXT MEETING Monday 30th September 7pm. (meetings to be monthlyish)**