NATURE & ECOLOGY BREAKOUT ROOM – Gez Rideout

TOP 3 WISHES

* Communication on best practice on all things ecology (no slug pellets, no bonfires, rewild where you can. Turleigh village style welcome pack.
* Connect wildlife corridors. Add more ponds
* Re-establish trees, plant more trees
* Community allotment.

TOP 3 INITIATIVES

* Fof F Tyning plan
* No mow zone across the village – where we don’t need to mow, don’t mow
* Include a nature enhancement project on all new builds and extensions. Put something back either through tree planting, pond building, nesting bricks, swift houses. Where trees need to come down encourage people to leave the wood to rot. A tree charter.

TOP 3 QUICK THINGS

* No mow
* Plant more trees
* Wildflower areas, ponds, bug hotels.

ACTIONS

* Introduce beavers
* Share good practice and information about ‘why these are good ideas’. We have lots of people in the village who have great knowledge of permaculture, organic gardening, companion gardening etc.
* Like in Turleigh, provide a welcome pack (that pushes nature & ecology) when people join the village. Present it to them.
* Tell people we have an excellent green bin service here. So you don’t have to have a bonfire, which releases carbon.
* Put a booklet out quarterly (maybe deliver with the parish magazine) with simple, practical information.
* Open gardens
* Horticultural society is big and thriving. Are there talks or events we can link into or get them on board?
* Community vegetable farm. Jem Tayle, Wags Firmen, Loulou Brouard are speaking to Stephen and Gitte about space near the shop. This would provide fresh, organic food for the school, café, shop. Run by volunteers, raised beds for those who can’t bend down.
* Re-wilding plans are great, especially if they can contribute to flood alleviation.

WAYS OF WORKING

* About prioritising. Listening to everyone’s questionnaire results, we’d agree with most things.
* A lot about communication and sharing good practice.
* How do we get information to those not on zoom or are older?