

ENVIRONMENT AND BIO-DIVERSITY

Brightling Environmental Group

Dark Skies Accreditation – DarkSky International replied to our pre-application stating we needed to pay £250 to submit the application without giving much information on how successful we would be. David Field is contacting Darksky International on behalf of the group of local parishes who have all received the same response to see if a combined application is acceptable to them and possibly just the one payment.

Gypsom Factory Lighting –

David Field is drafting a letter for the factory site to go before the parish councils of Brightling, Salehurst and Robertsbridge and Mountfield for approval. It was suggested that a coordinated approach from the three parishes would be a stronger lobbying force. It was agreed to keep the local MP Kieran Mullan aware of what we are doing and to call on him as necessary if we receive an unsatisfactory response from the factory.

Future Events

Garden Party Promoting *Weald to Waves* project & healthy garden soil. **Saturday 20 June**

Himalayan Balsam control workshop- Saturday 11 July 9.30am Oxleys Green led by Jamie Smith

Fit Count Walk Wednesday 8 July - Brightling Byways Flower-Insect Timed Count.

AGM Tuesday 8 September 7pm

FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Parish Byways walks -

Sunday 26 April 2pm Wild flower identification walk with Barney Acheson 'Wild about Burwash' 9 of us walked. Two previously unknown plants to the group - Sanicle and Coralroot were found in the bluebell wood. The latter is native to the Weald and the Chilterns and is listed in the Sussex rare plant register and Barney has recorded the sites he showed us in iRecord used by Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland.

Wednesday 8 July 6pm Flower and Insect Timed FIT count walk 6pm at the triangle. 7.8km

Autumn walk– to be arranged

Reported

More issues seem to be recorded on the map but I have not been made aware of them.

Ref 260116078 - BRI/169 - rotten step on stile - unresolved

Ref 260120903 – BRI/173 - support post and step on stile rotten - unresolved

Ref 251190211 MOU/11/2 - footpath sign needed here - unresolved

Ref 251116225 BRI/30/1 - footpost sign fallen over – unresolved

Ref 251179308 – BAT1/1 tree fallen onto path - ongoing

Ref 251114138 – BR1/14/1 stile unsafe – unresolved

WELCOME PACK

Updated form and on website – needs updating again – new Roots to the Moon shop waiting for info.