

CK Futures September 2023

The focus for late August/September has been on partnerships, connecting and planning.

We were invited to the Glos Wildlife Trust Waterscapes launch event at Robinswood. It was good to see CK well represented. Cllr Grimshaw is part of their pilot to de-pave driveways, and it gives an great opportunity to support, and demonstrate changes people can make.

The Library of Things should be 'live' by the time we meet for the Full Council. There are 15 items tested and ready for loan at the library. It will be a learning curve for the first few weeks, but we are on standby to respond if needed. Many thanks to the whole team from CKPC, V21, Glos Libraries and Planet Cheltenham for making it happen.

Shaping and planning the next stage of the community hub in CK continues. Further discussions are due in late September and hopefully a final decision will be made before the end of 2023.

Project Grow – Claire Dovey, has expressed interest in partnering with CK Futures on several events/activities. They will be providing free 'goody bags' for attendees of the film 'The Need to Grow' on 26 Oct and Claire is coordinating the panel which will discuss the film at the end.

CK Futures hosted a workshop 'Active Hope – the work that Reconnects' at the Front on 13 September. Linda Aspey – climate coach and facilitator took participants through steps to help reduce climate anxiety and feel more able to take action. It was very well received. Everyone took something from it, and we are discussing other options with Linda for future events.

We are hosting the Insect Art workshop on 21 Sept. Cath Hodsman will be working with 20 people who will create art work which will reveal more about insects, and demonstrate their importance to humans and the planet.

Autumn Fayre – Tree Trumps will be a highlight. Getting to know more about the trees in Grange Field. Come and find out which tree on the Field has stored the most carbon so far and other interesting facts! More creative nature art from Rose Lennard. Promotion of the Library of Things and the opportunity to talk to residents about hedgehog highways, clothes swop, repair shops and more.

Cllr Helen Evans

Cllr Felicity Parnham