



Minutes

Name of Meeting	Environment and Sustainability Forum	
Date and Time	21 st March 2024 18:00 – 19:00	
Venue	Microsoft Teams	
Attendees	Name	
	Alaster Sims	Abi Reynolds
	Rob Sauven	Senad Adams
	Maggie Nelmes	Marianne sullivan
	Michael Murwill	Rebekah Noakes
	Abby Rugg	Sarah Talbot
	Ian Ward	Lora Peacey-Wilcox
	Paul Fuller	John Hobart
Apologies	Paul Brading	Andrew Garrett
	Dorothy Moir	Stuart George
	Natasha Dix	Elaine Heathcote
	Jenny Hicks	

1. <u>Welcome and housekeeping</u>	
1.1 AI- welcomed everyone.	
2. <u>Project Seagrass</u>	
2.1 Rebekah Noakes displayed and provided a presentation on Project Seagrass: Solent and Isle of Wight.	
Q. AI - Has there been links to carbon offset for the blue carbon impact of the seagrass?	
A. Rebekah – We are looking at carbon sequestration and using it for offsetting, also partnering with other charities and organisation for planting and other activities. Project Seagrass are wanting to restore for the habitats and eco system.	
Q. AI – Have any diving organisation be involved?	
A. Rebekah - Partnered with Dolphin Divers and BSAC group. Would be interested to start moving forward with sea search, for mapping the seagrass.	

<p>Q. Marianne – Bembridge parish Council annual meeting on 1st May. Theo Vickers has been invited to talk and show photo on seagrass.</p>	
<p>A. Rebekah – We are partnered with Theo who is also been helping with planting at Priory Bay.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Pre-submitted questions</u></p>	
<p>Q. Did all the trees in the island giveaway get allocated?</p>	
<p>A. All trees were allocated.</p>	
<p>Q. Does anyone on behalf of the IOW attend the Solent cluster events or is anyone actively involved as a member? Are there opportunities for the Islanders and what's the potential impact? Can the island get involved or is it already?</p>	
<p>A. The Solent Cluster have advised that the IWC has two named on the mailing list for newsletters and events. To find out if there is any opportunities for the islanders and who can get involved, please visit their website www.thesolentcluster.com or email info@thesolentcluster.com</p>	
<p>4. <u>AOB</u></p>	
<p>Marianne – We have ongoing Coastal erosion, Forlands to Wightcliff path is close will we see the footpaths open?</p>	
<p>AI – This will depend on safety, resources, and funding. We can't give a definitive answer.</p>	
<p>Marianne – A main roads in/out of Bembridge is closed for repairs, is there any way we can have further details on why this has been closed?</p>	
<p>Lora - Cowes to Newport closed to but no reason. Suggested writing to Samantha O'Rourke from Island Roads.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting 18th April at 13:00</p>	