

**Earth Our Mother
Committee Meeting
Monday 17th February, 7pm
[Held online]**

Present: Sammi Searle (SS), Sarah Barr (SRB), Marc MacPadraig (MMP), Sebastian Lemaire (SL)

Apologies: Mailis Marty (MMA), Giulia Frontalini (GF), Sophie McCarthy (SMC), Maddie Bromfield (MB), Bob Ball (BB), Tamsyn Ball (TB), Alex Alderton (AA), Mairi MacKay (MMK)

Minutes: SRB

1. Review minutes of meeting 17.01.24

Minutes approved.

2. Update on BFS Board Approval Status and next steps

SS provided an update on the Board unanimously approving the group, now named Earth Our Mother as per Discord poll. It was agreed that, as per Board request, meetings would be held in Beltonia as standard. SS is happy to liaise with Board via Board slack, and notes Board confirmed that we are okay to handle member data on our Beltane email account.

ACTION: Create a poll to decide the name of the official Beltane.org email address (SRB/SS).

ACTION: Let Board know when the next meeting is, and keep them updated (SS).

3. Review Action Log Progress

The action log was reviewed. The Open Meeting table and talk were discussed, and tasks delegated, including setting up a two-tier involvement structure for people to sign up to (i.e. joining committee, or coming to events). SL highlighted the need for ways to reach people, and SS noted a strong argument for a short newsletter blurb and a longer blog post with more detail - possibly including tips for groups to interact beneficially with land in the run up.

ACTION: Write a blurb for EOM and submit it to the newsletter with a picture (SS).

SL updated on the cargo bikes scheme shutting down along with the SHRUB, but highlighted potential to buy a cargo bike in future.

4. Projects

4.1 Discuss potential Open Meeting table and presentation

(This was covered in item 3.)

4.2 Discuss prioritisation of projects on Action Log

The priorities for the upcoming run up were outlined by the committee as:

- 1.) Getting known, including getting people involved and getting our email set up
- 2.) The blurb for the newsletter and website
- 3.) The open meeting table and presentation
- 4.) At least one event during the Beltane 2025 run up, likely towards end of March
- 5.) Reaching out to Court to see if we can facilitate any help for them.
- 6.) A blog post about rewilding tips relevant to Beltane specifically
- 7.) Arranging an almanac meeting.

Some items were deprioritised on the action log until after Beltane 2025.

ACTION: Arrange at least one litter pick event or similar during the Beltane 2025 run up (SRB).

ACTION: Draft a blog post on rewilding tips and interacting with the land during the Beltane 2025 run up. (SS)

5. Review Discord Server ideas list

It was decided that the priorities in 4.2 were sufficient workload for the meantime, and new ideas will be reviewed at a later date.

6. AOB

SRB proposed defining ground rules, to be discussed at the next meeting.

ACTION: Collaborate on a set of ground rules around expectations, structure, shared values, and communication at the next meeting (whole committee - to be tabled for meeting agenda).