Plymouth Rewilding Network: Online Workshop Outcomes

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On 16th December 2020, over 50 people across Plymouth attended the first 'Plymouth Rewilding Network' online workshop. Following introductions from the Green Minds team at Plymouth City Council (Jemma, Hayley and Emmie) and Devon Wildlife Trust (Ed and Nick), the **Green Minds 1-minute film** was shown and we had an **introduction to rewilding**.

What does urban rewilding mean to you?

Who attended?

- Widey Woods Conservation Community.
- Wild Ideas.
- University of Plymouth.
- Westcountry Rivers Trust.
- Rebel Botanists.
- Plymouth Open Spaces Network.
- The Tamar Pub.
- Hoe Neighbourhood Forum.
- Plymouth City Council.
- Devon Wildlife Trust.
- University Centre South Devon.
- Plymouth Scrapstore.
- Forest School Plymouth.
- National Trust.
- Exeter Diocese.
- Marinette County Land & Water Conservation, Wisconsin USA
- Urban Colour Plymouth.
- Plus lots of individuals who want to help rewild Plymouth!

What happened during the workshop?

Everyone took part in the Mentimeter survey, helping to identify the priorities & possibilities of creating a rewilding network in Plymouth.

Right: What rewilding action would you like to take in future?

Most people wanted to get involved with projects and support others, spread the rewilding message, as well as develop ecological knowledge, skills and understanding of rewilding.

VOLUNTEER
WORK
REWILDING
PLYMOUTH
PROJECT
PLANT
LOCAL
HELP
MORE
USE
WILD
TAKE
ENCOURAGE
COMMUNITY
EDUCATE
DEVELOP
HABITAT
SUPPORT
OTHERS
RESTORING
GROUP
NATURE
PARK
CONSERVATION
CORRIDOR
GARDEN
PART
UNIVERSITY
AREA
RE
ID
CULVERT
WILDFLOWER
OCCASIONAL
MAKING
FUTURE
SAME
RAIN
CUSTOMERS
EMPOWER
JOB
FIELD
SPACE
TREE
ONCE
PATCH
WILLING
STANDARD
CONSISTENT
EFFORTS
KEEP
ROLE
TEAM
SITE
WITHIN
WATER
WOODS
GREATER
WISH
PLUS
SURE
RANGE
DIVERSITY
BUILD
JOIN
ECO
BETS
DATE
LOW
FORUMS
GIRLS
AROUND
LAND
THROUGH
PLANET
WALKS
FLOWERS
GRASS
CLEAN
EXITS
VISUAL
CAMPUS
ACTIVITIES
EVENTS
BROADER
EDRF
SMALL
SURVEYS
PLACE
SPECIES
FORMO
HAPPY
UNIT
BIODIVERSITY
DEVON
ENOUGH
HEDGE
FUNDED
SITE
WIDEY
WOODLAND
MUNICIPAL
FOUNDATION
RESOURCES
ENTRY
EDITING
PLACEMENT
WETLANDS
GATHERING
INTERACTIONS
GAINED
CITY
HAVLEY
CREATE
SUPPORTS
CHANGE
CARBON
STREAMS
RESIDENTS
REMAIN
PRACTICAL
RECREATION
PARTNERSHIP
PROTECT
HERBS
FORM
UNITED
CONTROL
REWILDING
DIVERSITY
ROLLOUT
ENCOURAGE
ACTIVITIES
COMPUTER
PROCEED
EXPERIENCE
CAMPUS
ENTRY
EDITING
PLACEMENT
GATHERING
WETLANDS
RESOURCES

Key themes

Opportunities:

* Turning grass verges into wildflower meadows, creating wildlife corridors.
* Rewilding gardens, churchyards, school grounds and streets.
* Create and restore more wetland and rivers in the city.
* Engaging communities & businesses.

Challenges:

* Lack of resources, experience, funding and expertise.
* Opposition from vocal minority & lack of understanding / negative perceptions of rewilding.
* Lack of connectivity / collaboration between projects.
* Land ownership & seeking permission.

What can you offer?

* Mapping of action.
* Funding support & mentoring.
* Ecological advice & expertise.
* Practical help & monitoring.
* Using art to improve understanding.

What support is needed?

* Spread awareness & educate others.
* Expert ecological advice & training.
* Equipment sharing.
* Platform to network, share & promote ideas to facilitate action.

Next steps

Priorities for 2021:

* Education & improving understanding.
* Connecting people & habitats.
* Community support & working in collaboration with landowners.
* Increase rewilding opportunities—eg. where development is taking place.
* Engaging children & young adults.
* Manage public land appropriately—eg. less grass cutting, not spraying weeds.
* **Below:** Your priorities for a rewilding network.

People
Community
More
Up
Rewild
Connect
Education
Plant
Group
Pcc
City
Share
Involve
Plymouth
Improve
Engage
Join
Public
Better
Wildlife
Areas
Green
Build
Site
Gardens
Volunteer
Thinking
Understand
Projects
Etc
Nature
Help
Support
Already
Way
Increasing
Delivers
Spaces
Two
Show
Around
Grow
Culvert
Collaborate
Local
Council
New
Out
Getting
Set
Water
Work
Contact
Hedgerows
Time
Network
Expanding
Need
Mow
Others
Outcomes
Create
Bat
Land
Sort
Make
Same
Biodiversity
Users
Voices
Good
Clean
Exits
Use
Bird
Run
Young
Map
Parks
Boxes
Prizes
'rewilded'
Mown
Word
Promoted
Housing
Weeds
Waste
Trees
Vouchers
Keep
Acted
Vision
Holly
Numbers
Streams
Greenwalls
Political
Decision
Order
Ensuring
Scope
Actions
Interpretation
Real
Education
Financial
Wetlands
Opportunities
Advice
Children
Info
Being
Wooded
Minded
Environmental
Corridors
Verge
Between
Last
Homes
Listed
See
Wildflowers
Nurture
Developments
Sheets
Insect
Message
Point
Ground
Signs
Norm
Infrastructure
Adopt
Percentage
Aims
Linked
Research
Spreading
Saying
Daylighting
Rain
Awards
Establishing
Behind
Parkour
Learning
Makers
Awareness
Roofs
Friend
Flowing
Consider
Effort
Enable
Skills
Change
Business
Safe
Including
Restoration
Urban
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