

Steyning For Trees Help Fight Climate Change



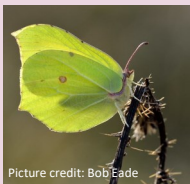
Welcome to our September 2023 Newsletter

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We are so pleased that **MICHAEL BLENCOWE** the well-known **Sussex naturalist** is coming **to do a talk** for **SFT** entitled,

"THE WONDERFUL WILDLIFE OF THE LOST WOODS OF THE LOW WEALD AND DOWNS".

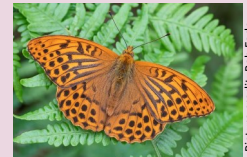
As you know Michael is **a knowledgeable** and **highly entertaining speaker**.



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He says "**The Lost Woods of the Low Weald and Downs** is a **new project** which aims to **restore** and **create** woodland and **reconnect fragmented woods**.

Steyning sits within the project's boundary which runs from Storrington to Lewes. The **Lost Woods Project** will also **support local conservation groups** and communities to help them connect with and **conserve local woodlands**."



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He is from **Action in Rural Sussex** and will **tell us more about the project** and focus on some of the **amazing wildlife** that can be found there from birds to butterflies and bats to beetles.

The **talk** will be on **Monday 9th Oct** at the **Steyning Centre**, at **7.30pm**, in the **Saxon Room**. There will be **wine to purchase**, and a **raffle**.

Tickets £5 from Steyning Bookshop.

This will be **a wonderful evening** and **SFT** is delighted to be able to hold this event to promote the **preservation** of these **important woodlands** of mature and in many cases, ancient trees They are such **reservoirs for carbon** and provide so many **benefits to wildlife and humans** alike.

This will also be **a memorial talk** for **Jim Mellor**, our former committee member, WSCC arboriculturalist and resident of Steyning who sadly died earlier this year.



taking action to meet the goals was **urgent**.

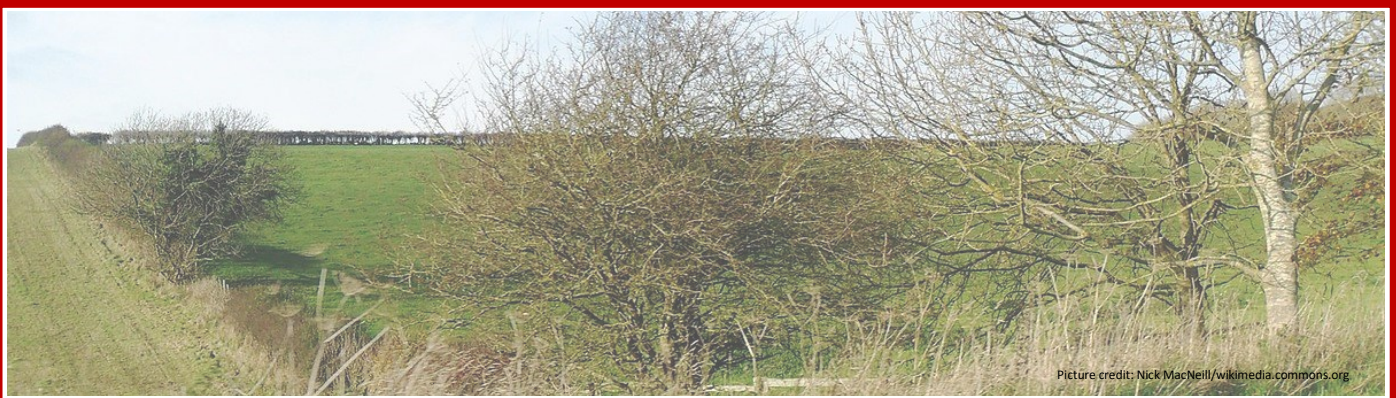
The **CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE** found that the **UK** will **need to reduce emissions** by around **4.7% each year** to hit its **2030 target**. Between 2014 and 2022 the rate **had been 1.2%**. Their Chief Executive said that

For all you boffins; "**Planting trees** in urban areas is a popular **strategy for reducing temperatures** in streets under global warming". Anyone prepared to measure TCE (tree cooling efficiency) of the trees already planted by SFT?



See the **Science for Environment Policy** service of the European Commission.

Lots of activity in the Autumn with **24 trees being planted** by WSCC contractors bringing us to a **total of 104** on the verges; well done Saxon Road and all others. . Also 6 or 7 **hedges being planted** adding to our **wildlife corridors** bringing our **total to over 20**. These are planted by our **great bunch of volunteers**, do come and **join us** in this worthwhile **community activity!** Contact details below.



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Remember: Trees are front-line warriors in the fight against climate change.

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