

Regional Miersch an Ëmgegënd

Our **General Assembly** 2023 took place on 16 March in the restaurant "beim Alen Tuurm" in Mersch. We were also represented at the national general assembly of the Mouvement Ecologique at the Oekozer Pafendall.

On 16 July 2023, after 26 editions of "**Alles op de Vëlo**", the "Alles op de Velo Mamer- Miersch" event in this form will come to an end for the Mouvement Ecologique. Fond memories of many years of "Velosdag" remain, but also the regret that there is still no continuous cycle path from Mersch to Mamer. We do not know whether the municipalities of Mamer, Kopstal and Mersch want a continuation. We would be delighted if this were the case and the "Alles op de Velo" day could continue with the active support of the clubs.

On 16 September, our Regionale organised a **bat evening** together with the Mierscher Geschichtsfrënn. Many interested people, not only from Mersch but also from our neighbouring communities, came to take part in a very stimulating walk on the subject of bats. First, biologist Jacques Pir gave a talk on the habitats, winter quarters and hunting behaviour of these small mammals. He explained why it is so important to protect these animals. In the dark, the group then explored Merscher Park. Using an ultrasound device, the participants were able to hear the calls of various bat species and a small spotlight allowed them to observe them hunting insects. Once again, a big thank you to the Merscher Geschichtsfrënn for their help and to Jacques Pir for the talk and the guided tour of the park.

This year, our Regionale once again took part in the **welcome evening for the newly arrived residents of the municipality** of Mersch on 4 October. We took the opportunity to introduce the Mouvement Ecologique.

Following the new appointments to the **advisory municipal commissions**, our Regionale is unfortunately only represented on the Climate Pact team. In this context, we regret that our organisation is not entitled to a permanent position on the environmental commission of the municipality of Mersch. We will ask those responsible in the municipality whether there could be a new arrangement in this regard for the next legislative period.

In a letter to the Ponts et Chaussées, we wanted to know why **the trees in the Rond-Point Mierscherbiereg** were curled, causing them to die, and whether the trees would be replaced by other standard species. In the reply from Ponts et Chaussées, we learnt that these

trees are a non-native, invasive species that the environmental authorities want to replace with native species. However, whether this will also happen at Rond-Point Mierscherbiereg still needs to be clarified for safety reasons.

In a letter to the director of the CFL, we wanted to know why no shady trees were planned for **the station forecourt** and how it was possible to install water-wasting fountains. In his friendly reply, Mr Wengler explained to us that there was a design fault with the fountains that was to be rectified. And that young trees were planned for the planters on the station forecourt. In fact, only a few days after our letter, young trees were planted in the borders. We hope that this good example of urban greening will set a precedent and that trees will be planted in other places in the municipality of Mersch - and in our neighbouring municipalities - to improve the quality of life for residents.



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