

Greening Tetbury (GT)

Virtual Meeting: Monday 9th August 2021 on Zoom [19:30 –21:00]
Minutes prepared by Kimberley Monahan

Chaired by Fergus

Present:

Fergus Dignan (Trustee) Adrian Hill, Kimberley Monahan, Mary Dignan, Ben Jackson (Trustee) Noel Sharp, Rosemary Bailey (Trustee) ,Maggie Marriot, Lilly Paulson, Emanuelle Paulson, Ian Benton, Anne Cox (Trustee)

Apologies: Annabel Daldry, Gracie Fickling , Nikki Ind, Charlotte Rushton, Michael Moran

Minutes of 9th March 2021 meeting

The Minutes were approved. Proposed: Lilly Paulson; Seconded: Mary Dignan

1. Café venues

Noel, Mary and Ben discussed the venues.

Outcome

Ben – GT to consider other venues after the next meeting to give some variety to ensure that we are not aligning ourselves with any one place.

Noel – Agreed – We need to come back after the second meeting to discuss these events. Need to discuss the benefits of making connections in other places.

Ben – It would be good to take our values and champion our values at other venues (take our own cups etc) We need to ensure we do not undermine our values.

Anne – Good idea to vary the venue, ensure we accept that people are making changes and we don't preach to people on a journey.

Mary – Encourage people to come along to support the meetings, there will be a person from Stroud who is their plastics representative.

Action

Vary the venues

Try to demonstrate that we are sticking to our principles

2. Structure of GT

Fergus – Change to wording of the document, Fergus will email it out if anyone wants to see it.

Rosemary – The structure should be on the website

Action

Fergus to send to Maggie

3. Survey at Preston Park

Kim - Very well received and lots of people involved (12 in total)

The Mill pond survey has been released to the Feoffees to help with their project, **Kim** is writing up the other survey results and they will be completed before September.

GWT are really happy with what GT have done so far and praise our initiative and ability to get involved.

Mill pond – The Feoffees have received the report on the wildlife in the Mill pond and are working with GWT on a project, we have been invited to be involved by the GWT and they are hugely impressed by our wildlife efforts so far.

Wildlife walking routes – no update on the map yet, I will chase.

Anne Cox – has been doing water testing and working with BART on the water quality of the Avon tributary that goes through Preston park.

Rosemary – Praise for engagement with the community

Action

Kim to finish surveys

4. Paint the town green

Mary – List of ideas from PTTG (Nearly 50 suggestions)

- Non-threatening way of doing the suggestions with people posting ideas.
- Traffic calming measures
- Reduction of traffic on the Highstreet
- Stopping larger vehicles – Contact Valley trading if they have a licence to go through town. GCC will give them this licence.
- Better bus services
- Electric vehicle charging points
- Cycle pathway to Kemble and Cirencester
- Encourage walkers instead of cyclists in love lane – **Maggie** pointed out the need for working together with this and dangerous roads
- Tree planting
- Communal apple press – **Emanuelle** – Spoke to Fred no press, Sherston may have one, people of Tetbury have them. (**Noel** – it's a great community event he has done before)
- Childrens meals in supermarkets – Drinks always in a small plastic bottle

Feedback on the ideas?

- **Anne** – Climate strategy group spoke to the council about the results of the survey and sent the results to them. Judith requested more details about the carrying out of the survey, how were the comments gathered.

Action

Emanuelle – Email **Kim** about press and suitable time for pressing (possible Environment week in September or twice – again in October)

Ben to talk to John Latter about the community orchard and when the apples will be ready.

Can someone let Judith know how the survey was carried out.

Ben to talk to GCC about licencing large vehicles to go through town.

5. Tree planting project

Ian – Review the map sent via email (attach to minutes perhaps). 30 acres of land south of Tetbury. 25 years thousands of trees planted. Ash dieback has had a massive affect.

Ash has been thinned out, wishing gate has been moved to allow a stile free walk. Cotswold national landscaping facilitated Ground control (10% of profits to ground control) coming up with a design and are going to fund everything apart from funding. 700 trees going into A. 21 Oaks into C (Provided by Arboretum).

Link all this up by planting bulbs in area B, English native sourced 700 bulbs (snow drops, wild garlic), make a family day where we can plant trees and bulbs.

Woodland will be transformed due to Ash felling and planting bulbs.

Planting times: Trees (October) Bulbs (end of October) – To be done over a weekend

Emanuelle – Tree planting weekend for the Big Green Week (September)

Lily – St Marys – Can they be involved? (**Rosemary** - school will want to be involved)

Ben – 1st week in November to match up with Goodshed?

Ian – There will volunteers to help with teaching people how to do it, but it will need to be done over a long weekend.

Lily – We need a sign up sheet for a call out to help, start now.

Mary – wants to include this in the Advertiser article. (Ian wants to make the proposals and gains public)

Rosemary – Suggested sheep fleece guards over plastic? Ian has to go with the companies ideas (they are being recycled) but will ask them about it.

Actions

Separate meeting with **Ian** to have a discussion (**Kim, Ben, Lily, Emanuelle**) Onsite meeting.

6. Tesco green peace campaign

Anne – Tesco buys beef that is fed Amazon grown feed.

Green peace has a campaign, do we want to be involved?

Mary – would want representation at the main head office.

Ben – Agree that head office is important but local staging would be suitable in this instance. This needs to be done with good spirit and in conjunction with the local Tesco.

Lily – Value to standing in front of the local Tesco, may be some defensiveness about the meat industry. We need to be clear that this is not an eating meat issue.

Ben – It may be useful to find out what products we are discussing?

Fergus – Tesco are unable to verify their sources of soya. But also some meat is imported from other countries.

Kim – Red tractor scheme, is this wholly British born, raised and culled?

Emanuelle – Perhaps we don't fly the GT flag and do this as individuals.

Rosemary – We need to protect our relationships we have built within the town.

Noel – Refers to the Climate report that was out today, feels that GT should promote discussion about controversial things because we don't have time not to.

Anne – Brought up the campaign but doesn't want a big controversial project

Ben – Agree with both Ann and Noel, must be done sensitively, education more than shoving it down people's throats.

Lily – We could link to the talk at the end of September.

Fergus – concerned about the workers in Tetbury Tesco, we could use the FB page to highlight these issues and the GP campaign.

Adrian – Support the use of the FB page and the Goodshed meeting

Fergus – Happy to go to the MP about the campaign

Actions

Goodshed meeting – best place to do a smaller campaign

We are not going to make representation under the GT banner at Tesco but individuals can do as they wish, we can place on the FB page.

7. Tip of the Month - Rosemary

House plants – they are good for you

*On leaflets** ensure they have multiple topics

8. Climate Strategy - Ben

Nothing new to discuss since the last meeting.

Ben – planning application is up for comments again on Northfield garage plot (brownfield). We need to make more comments to discuss any issues with the revised planning.

9. AOB

Mary – Kevin painter has requested flower photos to be taken around the town and submitted to the town council. Are we happy to be a judge? (it has not been publicised yet)

Ben – Great opportunity for us to be involved.

Adrian – Would be good for a trustee to be involved (Rosemary and Fergus put forward for judging)

Anne – results of the co cars – 32 responses (small sample but high rating) 66% said 10 on how interested they were.

Good mix of trip types

33% said this would help them get rid of a car

Club setting up – Demographic profile, how many members, can we recruit more, how do we fit in with other opportunities, what is there in the local area in terms of infrastructure.

They want to see how discussions do with Stroud and Cheltenham but we are too small at the moment.

Emanuelle – Great big green week 18th – 26th September, wants to organise events for this week.

Worry that there wont be enough time. We are having our farming talk, we could do a crop swap and the apple pressing, we can do a foraging walk.

Action

Anne – send details to Mary for the advertiser

Have a meeting for the Great big green week separately (**Email Kim, Mary, Ben, Anne, Rosemary, Fergus**)

Date of next meeting – 1st September 2021

Steering group meeting – meeting cancelled because Fergus is not available on the 8th.

Deadline for the advertiser is 12th August