

## Greening Tetbury (GT)

**Virtual Meeting: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021** on Zoom [19:30 –21:00]

Chaired by Fergus

Minutes prepared by Lily Paulson

**Present:** Fergus Dignan (Trustee), Anne Cox (Trustee), Chris White, Judi Marshall, Mary Dignan, Ben Jackson (Trustee), Noel Sharp, Rosemary Bailey (Trustee), Lily Paulson, Emanuelle Paulson.

**Apologies:** Maggie Marriott, Adrian Hill, Nikki Ind, Kim Monahan, Annabel Daldry.

### 1. Minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 meeting

Minor corrections were made to item 3 and item 10.

The Minutes were approved. Proposed: Chris; Seconded: Mary

### 2. Matters Arising

No update on the repair shop.

Community Environment Day discussion:

The event was considered a success – 230 visitors came and good discussions were had with the public. Anne and Rosemary noted the networking opportunities that arose from the day, in particular with Mary Hinton, the Royal Agricultural College, and Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust.

### 3. Strategy Steering Group Meeting – Anne

Anne presented visual summaries of the meeting. Answers to ‘Where do we want to get to?’, ‘Where are we/what have we done so far?’, and ‘Proposals for 2022’ were shared with the group. The proposals for 2022, focusing on 6 events spread across the year, were approved. It was noted that this did not mean that other events and campaigns from action groups could not take place.

Mary suggested a projects calendar that could go alongside the events calendar.

Noel asked whether the climate cafes could feature in the events calendar so that the discussions could be joined-up with the theme of the events. This was agreed as a good idea.

Rosemary added that the energy group have a number of ideas that they’d like to work on next year to engage the community, e.g. restarting the community minibus.

It was suggested that the existing project google document could be used as the projects calendar.

#### **ACTION**

**Anne** to send calendar to Fergus to be distributed to members.

### 4. Tip of the Month – Rosemary

The tip of the month is on a Sustainable Christmas.

Rosemary raised the issue of where the tip of the month appears in the advertiser, as there had previously been agreement that it would feature on the Mayor’s page. Ben has mentioned this to

Tara and the tip of the month should feature on the Mayor's page in the New Year, as long as there is space for it.

Rosemary also announced that St Mary's has been given the "Eco-church Silver" award.

**ACTION**

**Ben** to mention the tip of the month at the next TTC Climate Strategy Meeting.

**5. Tree Planting GCC – Ben**

There will be a tree planting activity on the 13<sup>th</sup> December organised by GCC.  
[Kelly.Osborne@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:Kelly.Osborne@gloucestershire.gov.uk) is the contact.

Following the success of the bulb planting, the tree planting at Old Folly Wood near Bath Bridge will be taking place on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of December from 10am – 4pm.

**6. Climate Strategy Working Group – Ben and Lily**

Key updates from the group are:  
Judith will be meeting with someone from the Right of Way group at county level to discuss a safe route to Westonbirt from Tetbury.

The Community Fridge is now almost ready and GT will be formally invited to support the project as volunteers will be needed.

Electric vehicle charging points will be coming to Tetbury in the New Year, subject to resolving supply issues and energy market prices.

**7. Christmas Event – Mary**

The event has been rescheduled and will take place on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December at St Michael's church.

GT are participating in the Christmas Tree event at St. Saviour's Church again this year.

**ACTION**

A call for sustainable decorations to be added to the GT tree at St. Saviour's Church.

**8. Parking Group (info) – Ben**

Judith Taylor at TTC is putting together a group with Cllr. Richard Norris to discuss parking issues and a representative of GT has been invited to join. Following a discussion, it was agreed that Ben and Judi will share the role of representative.

A general discussion on parking followed:

Judi mentioned the need to encourage the downsizing of cars.

Lily requested that the reps encourage public participation for any discussions or changes to parking in Tetbury as it's an issue people feel strongly about and should have community buy-in.

Rosemary raised the point that parking is not an isolated issue and should not be tackled as such.

Judi also mentioned that the Highways Working Group are also working on other car issues and suggested that electric bikes could help people get to work without a car.

**9. Any other business**

None.

**10. Date of next meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2022**