

Notes of Greening Tetbury Meeting (GT6) Wednesday 4th March 2020

Tip of the Month

Rosemary spoke about the Tip of the Month to be printed in the Tetbury Advertiser and asked people to get in touch with her if they were part of a local organisation that could publish the tip of the month. Themes - Energy in March, Food in April, Transport in May. Gracie suggested the Tip could be made available as a jpeg file to make it easier to use on social media.

Energy group

Rosemary said the group was meeting regularly, increasing their knowledge, reading articles, and gathering insights building towards being able in time to launch an energy project.

Becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Fergus had sent off the application form and received acknowledgment. Awaiting further notification. The meeting thanked Fergus and Adrian for the vast amount of work they have put into this.

Month of Action

We discussed the excellent ideas Mary, Claire and Maggie had come up with for a Greening Tetbury Month of Action. After debating several ideas like running a repair shop, a swap shop, a knit and natter afternoon, tables by the different topic groups, using either the Market Hall upper room or a Gazebo at the Goods Shed, no single idea could be agreed on, so nothing was arranged for now. We concluded we were not ready for a major launch on multiple fronts, but we did settle on 3 projects we can take forward.

1] Window Display Competition

Maggie will produce a leaflet for the shops. The primary school will be approached to be judges. Gracie, Mary and Jessica agreed to take the project forward, and to take the leaflet to the shops. Other possible ideas for this mentioned were seeking business sponsorship and making a calendar of the displays to raise money.

2] Litter Pick

We will encourage and invite Tetbury organisations to do litter picks at times to suit themselves. We agreed the date of Sunday 26th April when we as Greening Tetbury will do a litter pick.

3] Open Eco Gardens week-end

We will organise a week-end when people can view some Tetbury gardens, allotments and farms that are shining examples of green (mostly organic) growing. Noel agreed to take the lead on this, and Chris, Fergus and Eleanor agreed to support and come on board too.

Gloucestershire County Council Local Transport Plan Consultation

Ben talked us through the impact (or lack of impact) of this draft plan on public transport in Tetbury. See Appendix

Greening Tetbury Google Document on Projects

Ben has set up a google document outlining actual and potential Greening Tetbury projects and who is responsible for acting on them. It is designed to be a living document edited by any Greening Tetbury member. Ben needs to send people a link to give permission for people to edit it.

The date of the next meeting

Wednesday 15th April at 7.30pm at Christ Church

Appendix on the Gloucestershire County Council Local Transport Plan Consultation

The whole 400+ page document is here [GCC Local Draft Transport Plan](#)

Ben's summary is here - [Ben's Summary of GCC Transport Consultation](#)

The deadline for responses is 26th March 2020

Ben's summary giving some context to his concerns about how they've framed Tetbury's bus service in the plan. Ben has very helpfully summarised all the bus services (he knows of) that run out of Tetbury:

- No bus to Dursley
- Bus to Nailsworth: one outward trip per day. No return trip back to Tetbury.
- bus to Malmesbury: one return trip, around lunch time, three days per week.
- Bus to Stroud: one bus every two hours. last bus back 17:35. Takes 45 mins compared to 20 by car.
- Bus to Cirencester: 5 return journeys per day to Cirencester Centre and 1 return journey to Cirencester College. Morning commuter journey to Cirencester Centre takes an hour, compared to 15 mins by car. Last bus back 17:40.
- Bus to Bath: direct service does exist but is advertised as two separate buses with two separate timetables, these being Tetbury to Old Sodbury (69) and Old Sodbury to Bath (620). 5 return journeys per day. Journey time 1 hour 40 mins, compared to 40 mins by car. last bus back 17:45
- No bus to Bristol. Would have to change at Yate. Because bus connections aren't coordinated, the morning commute departs Tetbury at 06:50 and gets to Bristol Centre at 08:56. Journey time 2hrs 6mins.
- Bus to Gloucester: one outward trip. No return journey back.
- No Bus to Swindon
- No bus to Cheltenham
- Bus to Kemble Rail Station: 5 return trips per day. First bus of day arrives Kemble 07:53 (London train departs 07:40. Next train departs 08:46 to arrive in London 09:57). Next bus arrives Kemble 11:55 (London train departs 11:43. Next train departs 12:45) Last bus departs Kemble 17.55. Essentially the buses don't align with the trains because they prioritise Cirencester to Kemble, rather than vice versa.