

Greening Tetbury (GT)

Virtual Meeting: Monday 8th February 2021 on Zoom [19:30 –21:00]
Minutes prepared by Lily

Chaired by Fergus

Present: Fergus Dignan (Trustee), Anne Cox, Charlotte Rushton, Maggie Marriott, Adrian Hill, Jill Peacey, Gracie Fickling, Kimberley Monahan, Judi Marshall, Mary Winsome, Chris White, Eleanor Lines, Ben Jackson (Trustee), Emanuelle Paulson, Noel Sharp, Morgan Beeby, Rosemary Bailey (Trustee)

Apologies: Nikki Ind, Lee Evans, John Latter, Alison Hesketh

1. Minutes of 7th January 2021 meeting

No comments or corrections.

The Minutes were approved. Proposed: Charlotte; Seconded: Gracie

2. Facebook page and Instagram (discussion) – Gracie and Lily

The following adjustments to the Facebook page have been made following concerns raised at the last meeting about misleading information on posts: flagged certain contentious terms, new rule stating concerning posts should be reported to admins, rules to be pinned to the top of the page, and people who wish to join are asked to express their link to Tetbury to ensure the page has the right audience. Gracie

ACTION

Gracie to email Fergus copy of the rules

Proposal to change the email associated with the Facebook page to a general GT social email address to allow easier sharing of responsibilities and linking to the Instagram (see next point).

There seemed to be few objections to this, besides discussing the logistic of doing so.

Proposal to create a GT Instagram account, managed by Lily, Gracie and Charlotte to start. The GT social email would then link the Instagram to the Facebook page.

Asked for suggestions and/or concerns about approving the following types of post:

- Tip of the month
- Upcoming events
- Discussion questions

Views expressed:

Agrees with pre-approving certain types of posts. Also include beautiful photos of Tetbury. Kimberley

Include photos of the orchard and allotment etc. Concern about the time needed to post regularly enough. Maggie

Notes we should link the website to the Instagram page. Asks if GT members could send in content to an email address. Eleanor

Concern about the security and privacy of future social media action and the long-term strategy for contacting members. Would prefer a conversation about this before approving. Maggie

ACTION

Set up a meeting to discuss security concerns before taking action - **Gracie, Fergus, Maggie, Lily**

3. TTC Climate Change Strategy Group (info) – Ben

Anne outlined the idea of a car club she'd shared with the group. She intends to put out an initial questionnaire to determine interest. Question of on who's behalf to send out the questionnaire and highlighted concerns about needing a group of enthusiastic people to take it forwards.

Proposes a public presentation with Robin Colts from Malvern car club to raise interest.

Goods Shed seem keen to support any presentations/events if a location is needed. Fergus

Zoom events can generate more attendees than in-person events. Noel

Raising interest can take time so starting with a virtual presentation rather than waiting till COVID restrictions lift might be worthwhile. Judi

ACTION

Anne to do some more research before next steps

4. Count for Nature (info and discussion) – Rosemary

Noting an upcoming event we could engage in called Count Your Churchyard in June (5th – 13th). Rev. Poppy Hughes is aware of it.

Discussion:

St Mary's playgroup forest school could be involved. Maggie

Event could be tied in with World Environment Day (June 5th). Noel

Night cameras to monitor wildlife in the churchyard and possible involvement of Wildlife World at Chavenage. Maggie

To be discussed further closer to the date.

5. Ecocide Questionnaire (Info) - Charlotte

Charlotte has produced a draft submission to the Stop Ecocide consultation. Asks for preferences regarding choice of questions or any thoughts.

Invites people to sign the petition to stop ecocide as individuals.

This raised discussion about the Earth Protector Town survey and how to get more signatures. It is available on the Facebook page, on an email, and up in Tesco.

Could advertise it on the Experience Tetbury FB page. Maggie

Use whatsapp and word of mouth. Ben

Might approach schools too. Charlotte

ACTION

Charlotte to add poster to FB page again

6. Updates from sub-groups: Energy, Food, Plastics, Transport (info)

5.1 Energy: Fergus, Ben

There has been a change to the date for the green homes grant scheme.

Concerns about the negative press surrounding the scheme.

Renewable Heat Incentives is available as an alternative source of funding. Chris

ACTION

Chris to print off posters and advertise change with **Ben**

5.2 Food: Emanuelle, Lily

Jill to join the food group.

ACTION

Fergus to share Emanuelle's email with Jill

Interest expressed in a seed swap.

Men in sheds could be custodians of a seed swap. Rosemary

ACTION

Emanuelle to explore seed swap possibilities

Conversation turned to Sophia Ashe and the discussion event:

The presentation plans are underway, looking for a third farmer to join the talk. Fergus

Abbey Home Farm in Cirencester and Dave at Days Cottage were suggested.

Concerns were raised by Rosemary about pollution of the river along the railway line. **Kimberley** said she'd talk to FWAG about it.

5.3 Plastics: Mary

Proposing to do a month of window displays with a climate change theme – possibly in line with World Environment Day (June 5th). Plastics group will meet to discuss.

Mary has also contacted Sir Geoffrey (MP) about engaging with shops to reduce single use plastic.

Anne raised the subject of Tesco's plastics-into-energy pilot project.

Hard to find information. Mary

Trial period has finished. Ben

5.4 Transport: Ben

Brief discussion about the Cotswold rail questionnaire sent by email.

Maggie asked for the GT questionnaire to be added to Facebook.

ACTION

Gracie to add questionnaire responses from last summer as a file to Facebook

7. Book discussion event (Doughnut Economics by Kate Raworth) - Noel

Purpose of the event is to become informed agents of change. It is to be a roughly 1.5 hours: three 10-minute themes presented with break-out groups, followed by a plenary.

St James Place are big on responsible investment – someone could come to talk if desired. Gracie

Chris, Noel, Fergus, Ben, Maggie and Jill to be involved in organising it.

ACTION

Anyone with information about Tetbury book club to see if they might be able to promote it
Eleanor to put the date in the advertiser

Date of event: Tuesday 16th March

8. Links to websites, surveys, meetings etc. – Fergus

In response to Fergus asking whether emailing relevant links is ok, there was general agreement.

Maggie suggested using MailChimp to create a listserv to separate meeting emails from links of interest.

ACTION

Maggie and Fergus to set up MailChimp

9. Any other business

None.

10. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 9th March