

Greening Tetbury (GT)

Virtual Meeting: Tuesday 6th April 2021 on Zoom [19:30 –21:00]
Minutes prepared by Kimberley Monahan

Chaired by Fergus

Present:

Fergus Dignan (Trustee) Charlotte Rushton, Adrian Hill, Gracie Fickling, Kimberley Monahan, Mary Winsome, Chris White, Eleanor Lines, Ben Jackson (Trustee) Noel Sharp, Rosemary Bailey (Trustee) John Turton, Michael Moran, Maggie Marriot, Lilly Paulson

Apologies: Ann Cox, Nikki Ind, Judi Marshall, Valerie Michael, Emmanuelle Paulson

Minutes of 9th March 2021 meeting

1. Following submissions from Anne Cox and Ben Jackson, a few small inaccuracies had been corrected and the minutes re emailed to the members.

The Minutes were approved. Proposed: Ben; Seconded: Chris White

2. Doughnut Economics book event (feedback) – Noel

Successful 20 people came to the event, it has been recorded and Grace is putting it together (copy right is needing to be checked).

It will be placed on a GT YouTube channel

Considering inviting the council into another group, hoping to involve them more directly

Perhaps having an open space approach, people can bring in their own ideas and groups can be adjusted to allow for appropriate sizes.

3 very good presentations completed, more could be done if we had more time and energy.

Issues – there was not enough time in the breakout rooms to have discussions

If we were to have another meeting we would need to discuss copyright and approval for peoples faces/views to be used and published.

Question – Rosemary – Thanks to everyone involved, could have DE part 2 and how does that apply in where we live and how we live, we need to think about this before approaching TTC. Proposing having another meeting to discuss ways that people can apply DE, we need to look outside and spread the ideas wider than GT.

Questions – Chris – What has happened with the farming meeting?

Fergus – Communicated with Sophia Ashe – Farmers have been sought but they have been difficult to contact at this time. Adrian sent a podcast from Glos Diocese 3 NFU farmers discussing their techniques, Fergus is trying to find out their names to invite them.

Chris – Rewilding project happening in a farm between Coates and Frampton Mansell, might be a person to talk to. John Meadley – into the pasture fed movement, links to Hawkwood College.

Rosemary – proposes using June GT month to get DE part 2 in the goods shed? Possible Noel to carry on with the project.

Gracie – Keep Britain tidy litter pick at the start of June, do we want to spread everything out more throughout the year?

Michael – Is it possible to take something from the agenda where we problem solve using something from the DE model?

Action

Noel to call a meeting to discuss what to do past the DE book (when to get local council involved)

Fergus to look into the farmers named.

Chris and Adrian to see if they can get the details of the persons indicated to Fergus.

3. GT book Club? – Noel/Chris

Chris – list of books we think may be of interest, would be happy to make a list.

We could use the Café as an introduction to the books?

Action

Chris to make a list

4. GT café informal get together? – Noel

Noel doesn't live in Tetbury and aware that this may be stretching too far. Please don't encourage if you don't think it's a good idea.

Face to face café meeting once a month for GT ideas

Get to know each other a bit more, link to a book or film that may be of interest, games night (alternative monopoly) Fred – Organic farming, Veloton, more serious things?

It will help us build a community, we can learn what is going on in Tetbury.

Secondary issues, where, when and who will pay.

Everyone indicated that this is a good idea,

Chris – Very good idea, much more benefit than Zoom.

John – suggestion as to the location, (Goods Shed mentioned) Wild Carrot would be very good and are keen to host it.

Rosemary – Would we be able to arrange to buy foods etc from the WC? Would evenings be suitable? John will talk to them if we agree in principle.

Ben – We would need to make sure that people can walk or cycle to the venue as much as possible.

Maggie Marriot – Could we ask some of the cafes in town?

Fergus – agree in principle to the idea but we would be looking nearer to the end of June for the first meeting. Nearer the time we can look at venues.

Action

John, Noel and Mary to approach venues.

5. Wildlife Projects update – Kim

a) Mill pond – Kim has started discussions with Alison from the Feeoffes about the dredging of the millpond near millennium green. Alison is going to talk to the man in charge of it to discuss if the improvements to the waterways has had any effect.

b) Wildlife walking routes – Kim had a meeting with all interested parties (GWT, TTC, Feeoffes), we discussed the GWT wildlife walking map project and met up to walk one of the proposed routes. 3 routes will be decided that will be mapped out by a company hired by GWT, they will illustrate the maps and provide details of wildlife on the walks. There is room for GT to work in conjunction with one of the groups on an environmental interpretation board or QR codes that could link to the GT website to provide wildlife/conservation information.

c) TTC is going to clean up the waterway at the Goods Shed and are looking for volunteers. - Action based on GT asking for this to be done.

d) TTC is keen on the spring bulb planting idea in October, we would need to give them an estimate of prices, does anyone know anyone that would like to sponsor this? Gift bulbs?

e) Anne Cox has joined the wildlife group and came along on the walk we conducted on the 29th of March. Everyone is welcome to dip in where they want to.

Gracie – can we highlight any successful projects where we have had influence.

Rosemary – Is there room for the Feeoffes putting in a fence around the allotments to keep the rubbish in? Kim to talk to Alison.

Chris - Are the kingfishers still in the pond? (yes, 2)

Maggie – Spoken to wildlife world, keen to help us but they make products.

6. Tip of the Month - Rosemary

Many GT people have checked their tyres

Washing on full load

Don't wash too often

Washing on 30 degrees

Using your washing line

We should put on the website/advertiser about the government's latest initiative to be able to fix items instead of throwing away.

7. Climate Strategy - Ben/John

Nothing new to discuss since the last meeting.

Nicki Ind – Email sent out that there is a meeting next Thursday.

Ben – planning application is up for comments on Northfield garage plot (brownfield). There are many things to consider, have a look at the plans prior to Thursday when the comments close. There is also a development at Worwell farm (greenfield) (houses, Doctors). The travel plan is a huge issue.

Planning reference for Northfield Garage Development: 21/00549/FUL. Comment by Thursday on Cotswold Planning portal.

8. Updates from groups

Energy:

Chris – has had the air source heat pump installation completed, happy to report.

Kim – perhaps this would be good for the advertiser?

John – does it run underfloor heating? (it runs the existing radiators)

Ben – using the 3 houses as a case study to talk about in website, advertiser, Instagram. Send your stories to Maggie.

John – Mechanical heat recovery system being used, much better in recent times for fresh air needs.

Gracie – Seen a comment on FB, government have scrapped the green homes grant.

Chris – renewable heat initiative still running.

Food:

No update – Farmers meeting being worked out

Ben – Experience Tetbury FB page – Richard Barley – 3 planters in the Bromford courtyard behind the grocers, never been planted up. Mentioned greening Tetbury. Emailed Emmanuelle and she has said it would be nice.

Kim – Bromford would need to be asked about these (Mary will dig out the details of the Bromford link, Mary also knows someone who lives there and will ask about the planters)

Maggie – Working with Emmanuelle on the seed swap, running from outside Maggie's house.

Eleanor – Are the details of the seed swap on the website?

Maggie – there needs to be communication about what is in the advertiser to put on the website.

Mary – Cautionary tale of use of the telephone boxes

Ann – suggested a lunch club to discuss recipes (post Covid)

Plastics:

Mary – Paint the town green posters (June), window displays (on fb and website), we went around the shops and had positive responses. Mary has written to Kevin Painter to ask to advertise the poster and to include Lizzie. Kevin Painter suggests it would be good for a photo op with the Mayor for paint the town green. The playgroup might be interested in helping out, the idea is open to anyone.

The paint the town green initiative is getting shops to highlight their green credentials.

Ben – Would it be an idea to advertise when a shop/playgroup has done something in order to encourage others?

Charlotte – we could utilise the FB and Instagram to create business profiles (free publicity) for the green initiative.

Mary – not approached the school yet, but will approach about judging it.

Transport:

No news as yet

Anne Cox is working on the Co cars but no meeting with them as yet.

John will be talking to the TTC about the charging points and cycle ways.

Wildlife:

Greening Tetbury could offer advice service about wildlife issues (ponds etc).

Ben – Link to the café, perhaps have open Gardens for GT? Project?

9. Earth protector towns/ Ecocide foundation - Charlotte

What's the best way we can coordinate between GT and EPT? A meeting next week with Charlotte and the three trustees of GT to discuss.

Charlotte – spoke to George in Stroud, we need the logo on any projects that we are doing for the EPT projects. Can put on any wildlife boards.

10. Newsletter – Maggie

Monthly newsletter with special additions when the schedule doesn't fit, Anne has been particularly good at sending in content.

Maggie would like content ideas.

Fergus – Once a month is a good idea as long as imminent events would still be sent out.

Maggie – plea for input

Fergus – members or non-members can contribute?

Maggie – is focusing the content on Tetbury and GT, anyone can help out with content, a few lines is enough.

Fergus – Watched the Seaspricy – hard hitting documentary on fishing industry. Would this be appropriate?

Maggie – would like to ensure there was some link to GT. Need to balance good and bad news.

John – Are there sustainable fish practices? Can we highlight this?

Maggie – please share what you are doing and share the feedback.

Chris – Maggie should be editor and everyone contribute.

AOB

Ben – Shall we do a hustings for the county council elections? Candidates are yet to be announced.

11. Date of next meeting –Wednesday 5th May AT 7.30