

## Greening Tetbury (GT)

**Virtual Meeting: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2021 on Zoom [19:30 –21:00]**  
Minutes prepared by Judi Marshall

Chaired by Fergus

### **Present:**

Fergus Dignan (Trustee), Kimberley Monahan, Mary Dignan, Ben Jackson (Trustee) Noel Sharp (from 8pm), Maggie Marriot, Kate Marriot, Emanuelle Paulson, Anne Cox (Trustee), Chris White, Nikki Ind Gracie Fickling, Judi Marshall

**Apologies:** None

### **1. Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021 meeting**

The Minutes were approved. Proposed: Mary Dignan; Seconded: Anne Cox

### **Matters arising:**

Item 5: **Tree planting project** (info) Ian/Emanuelle/Lily/Kim/Ben

Kim: More details on dates needed from Ian. Communications interrupted by holidays. Ben will respond to an earlier email from Ian.

**Action:**  
Ben to contact Ian

Item 4: **Paint the town green suggestions re reducing HGV traffic in town**  
Licencing of HGVs in town (info) Ben

Ben was going to look into this, initially by talking to Stephen Hirst, but there was no Town Council meeting in August.

Ben noted that trying to limit lorries through the town centre might prompt detours and increase emissions. So needs to be care in approaching the issues.

Nikki: Ben could speak to Stephen Hirst. There was a Lorry Watch in Tetbury – TTC would be able to give the name of the person coordinating this. Could also contact Colin Pearce who chairs TTC Highways Subcommittee.

Item 6: **Tesco Greenpeace campaign** (info) Fergus

At the 9<sup>th</sup> August meeting it was agreed that people should contact stores as individuals.

Fergus raised the issues in the main Tesco store in Cirencester. He also emailed Tesco HQ and received a reply saying : Tesco have been in contact with Greenpeace for a number of years; they are still sourcing soya from deforested land, but plan to cease this by 2025; and they are still trading with two subsidiaries of JBS. JBS continues to have cattle ranches and soya plantations in deforested areas.

Fergus considered their reply weak and lacking in leadership. He will not be shopping at Tesco.

### **2. Great Big Green Week** (info/discussion) Emanuelle

A few people have met to organise this. Core organisers: Emanuelle & Lily

There is a Provisional plan for the week: 18 to 26<sup>th</sup> Sept

Big Green Week has being initiated by a national organisation. On their Website, Gloucestershire so far has no events listed, so Tetbury has a chance to stand out.

But some people will be away during the designated week, so the team are not trying to do too much.

*Provisional Plan:*

Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	Lead a foraging walk starting in town centre and going to where Ian will be planting trees and bulbs in October, an opportunity to tell people about this
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	Community improvement morning: an opportunity to generate notes on what people think is going well/ could be improved; litter picking; coffee - keep cups encouraged
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Men in Sheds sell their veg Farmers talk in the evening at the Goods Shed
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Evening walk
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	Advertise Fred's veg
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	Biggest day – to be developed Apple pressing; crop, cuttings, plants and preserves swapping Run 10am – 3pm, to allow time to clear up
Throughout	Online poetry and photo event. Yellow-lighted Bookshop Voucher as prize.

Emanuelle: it would be helpful to have people in GT T-shirts around during the activities

Maggie can send out an extra GT Newsletter

Publicity could include a rule of thumb on how much juice a given number of apples might produce, to help people judge what containers to bring.

**Action:**

**Maggie** to send out an extra GT Newsletter

Kim: it is not a great apple year this year, unfortunately.

Chris: potential crop is reduced because the heavy frosts in April affected the apples just when they were setting. Pears set earlier, so were not affected. He said that generally, 2 kilos of apples = 1 litre of juice.

Nikki: tell Town Council so they can advertise the events.

Ben: Feoffees (John Latter) have approved using apples from the Orchard. There aren't loads.

**Important:** to ask people not to take lots, and to leave things for others.

In previous years, this has not always happened.

There was a discussion about where to hold the Sunday event, who will bring what, what permissions and help to ask. This arrived at **the following decisions and action:**

**Action:**

**PLEASE CHECK BELOW FOR ACTION YOU ARE MEANT TO TAKE – EVEN IF NOT DIRECTLY NAMED**

Requesting permission from Tetbury Town Council to use their space next to the children's playground by the Goods Shed.

Asking Richard Warrington to use Goods Shed electricity – for which GT can pay. **Kim**

Asking the Feoffees for permission to use the Millennium Green for families to take picnics.

In answer to potential questions, Fergus reminded people that GT has Public Liability Insurance.

## People offered to bring:

### Presses etc:

**Chris:** a small press

**Mary:** borrowing a press (manual) and shredder (electric). Apples need to be cut up before going into the shredder. Needs several people to operate it.

For using the presses, donor people wanted some of the juice.

**Kim:** she has a friend who has a press and shredder and will bring it along to the event.

### Long extension leads: Chris

**Tables:** Kim, Anne, Chris, Fergus, Noel from Christ Church

### Volunteered to help: Kay

**Re Containers** – asking people to bring their own - sterilised. **Will put on poster.**

Perhaps take some spare containers as backup

### Waste:

Anne: people could take pulp away. **Anne, Maggie, Kim** volunteered to take some.

**Ben:** can wheelbarrow some to allotments on Herd Lane.

### Leaflets and little GT calling cards

Discussion led to: Anne producing a minimised colour version of the double-sided trifold leaflet, with a view to Chris printing these, and possibly receiving a contribution towards ink.

#### Action:

**Anne** to organise printing of leaflets and calling cards

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| 3. <b>Tip of the Month</b> (info)                 | Rosemary    |
| Rosemary was not at the meeting                   |             |
| 4. <b>TTC Climate Strategy Group</b> (info)       | Ben/John    |
| No meeting in August                              |             |
| 5. <b>Sustainable shelters</b> (info)             | Ben/?guest  |
| Leave to next meeting                             |             |
| 6. <b>Social meeting places</b> (info/discussion) | Mary / Noel |

Noel: Wild Carrot meetings were attended by regular GT attenders rather than a wider range of people. Proposal to run a couple of meetings in the town centre in autumn, possibly having a one hour slot, so it is easier for people to 'drop in'. Aiming to broaden the network. Could have a discussion such as 'a quick guide to COP26' or 'generating electricity in the home'

This was thought a valuable approach

The Priory have offered an upper room on a Saturday and Llamas in Pyjamas have offered to open on a Wednesday evening.

Try a Saturday morning and a Wednesday evening

**Noel, Mary and John Turton** can continue to organise. Thanks and Agreed.

7. **Advertiser articles** (discussion) Mary/Maggie

Having lost Eleanor, Mary and Maggie will put something together for the Advertiser every month. This is a holding arrangement until someone else wants to pick this up. The text cannot be the same as the Newsletter as they are tailored to different audiences. Deadline for the advertiser is 15<sup>th</sup> September for the October issue. Usually it is 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs of the month, this time it will be a week later (Nikki)

8. **General meetings ? live** (discussion) Fergus

Fergus had hoped we would reach a point when we can meet live. But with schools returning, Covid cases might rise.

Several people said that whilst it was good to see each other face to face, it is more practical to meet on Zoom as they are busy and not always in town on meeting evenings.

Kim is cautious about meeting face to face as she potentially has high Covid exposure at work.

Discussion covered:

Some people might be excluded as they do not do zoom.

Would it help to invite any people who don't zoom to join in a specific area of GT activity where face to face meetings are going on?

Could it work technically with some people meeting and others zoom in?

Not meeting in person might not help us draw new people into the group.

Can we find ways to have safe meetings in person.

Agreed:

To have a mix of zoom meetings for business and face to face meetings for discussions, and to exchange ideas.

Ben – walks are another way to connect. If 18<sup>th</sup> Sept is successful, could organise more.

9. **Any other business**

9.a Kimberley – **wildlife walks**. The person involved has replied and the map is awaiting illustrations.

9.b **Toothpaste tube recycling with TerraCycle**. Ben – previous locations (the Tetbury dentists and a local school) lost their licenses with TerraCycle as they were not collecting during Covid. Ben has enquired with the manager at Tesco and they are happy for a bin to be located there using Avening school's license.

9.c **Farmers talk – evening of Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept at the Goods Shed – need to ensure tickets sold**  
No table at the entrance for GT allowed at this event – can put leaflets on seats

10. **Date of next meeting – 7.30 pm Monday 11 October – by zoom**

11. **Steering group meeting – 7.30pm Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September by zoom**. To look at Strategy and where we are headed. Trustees and one representative from each Action Group.

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