

Present: Rosemary Bailey, Michael Bailey, Annabel Daldry, Mary Dignan, Fergus Dignan, Ben Jackson, Judi Marshall, Ian Watson.

Minutes prepared by Annabel Daldry

Chaired by Fergus

1. Apologies: Joan Holdham, Chris White.
2. Minutes of the last meeting were approved. Proposer: Ben Jackson. Seconder: Fergus Dignan.
3. Matters arising from last minutes.

Recycling with regard to Tetfest in particular. Judi said Greening Tetbury are not rubbish collectors for the festival, as some people seemed to think - a misunderstanding. Although GT is happy to help out - the Festival needs help next year with this issue, and Ben said Liz would be happy to consult with them.

  - (i) Ian discussed the idea of an Anaerobic Digester facility somewhere in Tetbury. The community hospital might be a possibility and an initial discussion about this will take place with their estates manager in the near future. Ian said he met John Turton and there is a fund for local sustainable projects in the Cotswolds - so there may be help with capital. Ian can provide a pathway to CDC - building relationships - with good engineers etc. Rosemary queries operating costs and the practical issues of taking waste to the digestors. Hedge clippings etc are currently just rotting in piles about the town. Food waste from local hospitality can be taken away and used. There needs to be a business plan and all costs covered. Cost Neutral. It could be the start of a national push in this direction.
  - (ii) Community Environment Day: Fergus said there was rather disappointing footfall at the Goods Shed - however some useful networking was achieved with the people who were there. Anne made some new quizzes for the stand and these are very good. Rosemary said that if the day saved one hedgehog it was a success. A thermal imaging camera was also displayed (courtesy of Sustainable Sherston) which is available for £10 hire for 48 hours. Mary said that the advertising for the event was quite hidden - it needs to be bolder and more obvious. Fergus had a discussion with one of the Goods Shed trustees about an onsite compost heap.
  - (iii) The Great Big Green Week: GT didn't get involved with this due to a lack of volunteer availability. Rosemary brought to the meeting's attention the 'Loss And Damage Campaign' - a fund countries can put money into as a relief fund for countries who are victims of a climate change catastrophic event, but have not caused it themselves due to their low carbon impact on the planet. Restitution by the damaging countries. Done through COP. The idea is to put pressure on governments to pay into this fund. The Diocese of Gloucester is engaging with this, and of course, includes St Mary's in Tetbury.

- (iv) TerraCycle - Ben discussed the recycling of oral hygiene product waste, which was in place and running well at the local Tesco. Unfortunately, with staff changes, the box has disappeared, and money is lost for local schools. Tesco no longer wanted to oversee the project, and have said they 'don't have the capacity'. So things have come to a halt.
4. Environmental Books event: Suggested by Rosemary. We bring our favourite books on an environmental theme, and say a few words about them. First event probably January.
5. Eco Christmas Market. GT has been invited by Celia Evans to attend their Eco Christmas Market on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December. We need some volunteers. Email to be circulated to GT members. **Action: Fergus**
6. The Library: Wildflower hedging project to give a barrier to protect the area from being trampled. This will be done next Spring. Meantime volunteers needed on Saturday 29th October and Saturday 26th November, 1 to 4pm. Planting bulbs too and yellow rattle. There are pallets to make planters from. Fergus will send out an email re volunteering. The lawn needs mowing and Ian will look into this with the local council. **Action: Fergus and Ian**
7. Tip Of The Month. Rosemary. The theme is keeping warm. The Tip Of The Month posters are being utilised through church networks. Latest: Draw curtains at dusk to capture as much solar heat as possible.
8. Climate Change Strategy Group: Not much to report on from last meeting. Ian mentioned that he'd been to another sustainability event at Whatley Manor. They are interested in having a biodigester. He also met someone who has made their house carbon neutral.
9. AOB.  
Proposed 12 new houses, Liongate developers, on the Worwell site. It is a tricky dilemma as although the site is on green land, Tetbury desperately needs a new doctors' surgery, which is part of the proposal. When the planning application has gone onto the CDC website Fergus will email the link to GT members. The general view was that GT members could make any objections as individuals but not under the umbrella of the charity's name.

Our MP, Sir Geoffrey Clifton Brown, voted against banning fracking.

Open public meeting: Joe Harris of CDC chair. 23rd November at 6pm, Sir William Romney School. Raise your issues.

10. Best wishes, Annabel. Next meeting most likely on Zoom. Tuesday 6th December.