

Minutes of Meeting - 25th May, 2023

Greening Tetbury

Present: Anne, Annabel, Fergus, Gracie, Mary, Robert, Talena

Apologies: Ben, Chris, Dan, Judi, Nicki, Rosemary

Approval of previous minutes (30.3.23). Proposed by Anne, seconded by Mary.

1. Matters arising

Feedback From Events: Wacky Races: Fergus: A very good turn out - lots of stalls and it was useful to have a presence. Possibly not the best arena for Greening Tetbury, however.

The Dawn Chorus was a lovely event with 8 attendees - Gracie thinks it would be good to share the publicity for this event next year with Tetbury In Bloom.

Litter picking on the volunteering day of the Coronation weekend: Cold, damp weather - however, some people made the effort, and there was a pleasant gathering for lunch - including a nice set up by the Mayor, with some food and refreshments provided.

Fergus is aghast by the amount of litter he sees by the roadside around the county, and is going to send an email to the Highways Agency. **Action: Fergus**

2. June: Paint The Town Green Month: Updates from Mary.

The GT flag will be flown from the Council building during the month.

There'll be a stall in the centre of town on the first and last Saturday of June - that is the 3rd June and the 24th June, 10am to 3pm - If anyone would like to volunteer to be on the stall for a couple of hours that would be good.

Mary leafletted the businesses around town with the 'Paint the Town Green' poster.

Robert suggested that the title should be altered slightly for next year by putting the word Paint in parentheses as some people might take the word literally!

Special mention was given to the talk at the Goods Shed on the 14th June, by Professor David Waltham - sincerely hoping for good attendance - book if possible now!!

3. Tetbury 10 year vision document: Anne

A detailed plan for possible projects taking Tetbury into the future as a greener, more sustainable town was generated following a workshop involving Greening Tetbury members on the 26th March 2023. During discussion at tonight's meeting, it was decided to put the oval schematic with the nine main subject headings on the GT website and social media. It was also agreed that we would initially focus on a couple of these subject headings, that is Nature and Biodiversity, and Water.

Action: Fergus

Robert believes more marketing is needed to make people aware of the aims - and there was the suggestion of a sign. And Robert thinks it's important to tap into public-spirited pride in the town. To be proud of a defined space - a tool for this is the map of biodiversity which will include Highgrove and all the surrounding farms - Highgrove Farm is, of course, famously organic. There are others on this path too. It was agreed that a map with a defined radius from the centre of Tetbury would be drawn up to illustrate the extent of the land that would be targeted for nature and biodiversity.

Action: Robert

4. Job Creation: It would be great if the charity could appoint a paid worker to help implement and expand on the aims of Greening Tetbury, in association with the Council. Funding will be a challenge.

5. Don't forget 'Count On Nature' at St. Mary's (Rosemary) Saturday the 10th June - 10am to 3pm.

6. GT Tip Of The Month - Deferred (Rosemary not available). Annabel raised the issue of random garden lighting (particular sensor type lighting) is light pollution, and effects the breeding, and life chances of insects. Insects (as we know) are essential to life on this planet. Maybe this subject could be a future tip of the month.

7. Date should be given soon for a 'pot luck supper' in July - bring a dish of food, and your tipples of choice (or help yourself to water!) Garden party at Annabel's.

Action: Annabel