

Greening Tetbury (GT)

Virtual Meeting: Wednesday 25th April 2022 on Zoom [19:30 –21.25]

Chaired by Fergus

Minutes prepared by Kimberley Monahan

Present: Fergus Dignan (Trustee), Adrian Hill, Judi Marshall, Mary Dignan, Noel Sharp , Jessica Willows, Rosemary Bailey (Trustee), Maggie Marriot, Kimberley Monahan, Emmanuelle Paulson, Chris White. Gracie Fickling.

Apologies:), Annabel Daldry, Maggie Marriott, Anne Cox, Lilly Paulson, John Turton, Ben Jackson (Trustee)

1. Minutes of 8th March 2022 meeting

The Minutes were approved. Proposed: **Noel** ; Seconded: **Judi**

2. Matters Arising from the 19th January 2022 Minutes

i. Tetbury Library hedge and wildflower project = Fergus/Kim

Trees have been planted, there is another meeting on the 7th of May to help with the weed protector for the trees. Further discussion on the planting of wildflower seeds at the back is going to be needed at this point also.

She is happy to help with the advertiser writing.

ii. Paint the Town Green

Flyers have been created and Mary is looking for **volunteers** to take out the flyers to the shops.

Initially its to tell them that it is happening but they may want more information about what they can do ie. Window displays.

A pledge form is being created online for shops to fill in, this is the focus of the second visit to shops. ****Greening Tetbury Trophy for people who have been really green that year, awarded at Dolphin hall council and of year ceremony – discuss more at another time****

Lizzy is designing posters and there will be a competition for poster creation.

2nd July opening (with Mayor and town Cryer)

Flag will be flying from the council buildings and the stall will be open under the market hall, with questionnaires.

Mary went to the Cheltenham sustainable festival and noted the composting information there, unfortunately the local council composter cannot help so **volunteers** for this is being sought.

2nd – Also a make, meet and mend at Highgrove, linked to the princes foundation, delivered on the estate and focuses on traditional and sustainable techniques. We have collaborated with them and there will be a workshop on the 2nd linked with us. This will be based in the offices at Doughton.

9th of July – Tetfest – Stand with gazebo, offered to be the litter police. Glastonbury style. – **Volunteers needed**

16th of July – Collaborated with the wild carrot on a cycling event at the Market place. Aiming for a Westonbirt cycle route. Mary has spoken to both the Arboretum and the School. Final option is the Cherington route cycle – **volunteers needed** ****Rosemary suggested using the railway line** Can we investigate the Goodshed use instead of the middle of town to ensure the safety of people.**

15/16/17th – Goodshed event with the schools. – Art for the Planets sake.

20th July – Talk from professor **David Walken** – Climate change solutions presentation. Located at the Goodshed.

22nd July (evening) – Clothes swap at Highgrove Princes foundation, Doughton – BYOB

23rd July – Stall in the market place with quizzes etc – **Volunteers needed**

30th July – Stall and composting. – **Volunteers needed**

Prizes – Chris has offered his wonderful mugs with our logo for substantial prizes, this would be heavily discounted and possibly offered for sale to the public. ****We need to ensure we have made a decision to ensure they can be fired in time, most likely date is end of July****

iii. **Anaerobic Digesters**

John Turton has discussed with Carbon neutral Northleach – Liaise with them about the possibility of an anaerobic digester for Tetbury. Rosemary added that Andrew Doherty was discussing the reuse of gas pipes for renewable energy. We are awaiting his approval of the discussion had with him.

3. **Tip of the Month.** Rosemary – Energy – tips about wet use of energy (washing machines, driers) ****Noel would like to know the most efficient ways to cook to save gas, Chris mentions slow cookers and their energy efficiency****
4. **Seed Swap.** Taking place in the library – under the eaves of the library.
5. **Thermal imaging camera (info/discussion) Fergus**
Sustainable Sherston use of the thermal imaging camera. People borrowing it costs £10 to see how bad their homes are, SS have made £200! – Are we happy to buy one for £742.80 inc VAT. – Can we borrow from Sherston for a Month to see how much it is going to be used. Can we explore leasing it? – **Action – Fergus to speak to SS about borrowing it.**
6. **Dawn Chorus (info) Fergus 5:30 this Sunday – Volunteers needed**
Fergus, Mary and Adrian will be at the GS carpark and walk along the old rail track to listen to the dawn chorus.
7. **Climate Change Strategy Group.** – abandoned agenda item.
8. **Tetbury Cricket Club** – event – 5th June 2pm- 6pm – host an afternoon tea with stalls and games for the community. People can buy a ticket for afternoon tea £2 for single £5 for a family of four. – **Volunteers needed**
9. **AGM – 13th June @ 7:30pm – Election, accounts etc. – Tagged on steering group meeting. Via Zoom. **Possibility to meet up****
10. **Amazon smile** – do we want GT to be represented on Amazon Smile? – Overall decision to not go ahead.

11. **George Monbiot** – Lilly Paulson is going to be compare at the sub rooms in stroud. 9th June.
12. **Retrofit fair** – Sherston Sustainability group – insulation, groundsource heat pumps 30th May.
13. **Buy a stand with Greening Tetbury** – would be more useful and would not need to borrow (£250-£300) - group decided to go ahead with the purchase.
14. **Rosemary** – nature day at St Marys – 11th June *Count for nature* - People are welcome to come along.

Date of next meeting: TBC at end of the AGM.