

Greening Tetbury AGM 2023
Christchurch 20th July 7:30pm
Minutes

Present: Fergus Dignan; Anne Cox; Adrian Hill; Mary Dignan; Annabel Daldry; Judi Marshall; Pat Hodges; Liz Farnham; Kevin Farnham; Robert Muir Wood; Liz Louden; Gracie Fickling; Cindi Beale;
Chris White.

1 Apologies for Absence: Rosemary Bailey; Dan Fletcher; Jess Willows; Nikki Ind; Joan Holdham; Amanda Briggs; Chris Giles; Jo Brown.

2. Approval of Minutes of last Year's AGM dated 13.06.22

Approval of the minutes proposed by Mary Dignan and seconded by Judi Marshall

3. Chair's Annual Management Report: The Chairman gave the annual report (appended in full below), detailing the results of involvement in projects in

Communication: Education and awareness raising with speakers and stalls at local events and Paint the Town Green; website; facebook.

Energy: Visit to Gloucestershire waste facility, Biomethane project, making Sherston Thermal Imaging camera more widely available

Food: Community Fridge

Plastics: bringing returnable Cotswold Cup to attention of local caterers

Transport: Participation in CDC consultation.

Wildlife: participation in GWT Wild Towns project, Library hedging and wild flower planting, Eco Church Count for Nature at St Mary's churchyard, wildflower area at Talboys walk and Feoffee hedging in Preston Park. A Dawn Chorus walk had been organised for the town in May. The Annual Management Report approval was proposed by Adrian Hill and seconded by Chris White.

Future Plans: In March 2023 a workshop had been held which generated a Vision for Tetbury, what we would like Tetbury to be in 10 years time. It had been decided that GT would concentrate efforts in the short term on supporting Wildlife and the Environment to include working to improve water quality, and we were already working with the Town Council and Feoffes, using the GWT report on possible projects to continue the work of the Wild Towns project. The main challenge for continuing our work was the lack of active volunteers and we had to make efforts to rectify this.

4. Annual Accounts: (copy appended below) There had been an overall loss in the year to May 2023. Fewer donations had been received and there had been an increase in funds spent for example on education materials and hire of meeting facilities. There were however no concerns, there was still a healthy balance in the bank. Fergus urged members to renew their membership with a donation to support the work of the organisation. He also asked those who could to make a contribution to the hire of the meeting room.

Approval of the Accounts was proposed by Judi and seconded by Robert,

5 Election of Trustees: According to our constitution, 1/3 of trustees had to resign each year (although they could put themselves up for re-election)

Jess Willows was resigning and although she was going to continue her work maintaining the website, she was not standing.

Fergus was resigning but put himself up for re-election. His election was proposed by Anne Cox and seconded by Gracie Fickling.

Dan Fletcher had put himself forward as a trustee. A brief biography had been read detailing his very useful experience and skills. His election was proposed by Mary Dignan and seconded by Adrian.... He had also offered himself as Treasurer.

Rosemary Bailey, Ben Jackson and Anne Cox were willing to continue as trustees.

6. AOB:

Biomethane Project: There had been no organisation in the town willing to take this on. Fergus believed it had been seen as an expensive undertaking for something that wasn't yet well known. Judi Marshall proposed looking at the project to see if anything could be learned for the future from its lack of success. Fergus offered to produce a summary of the project.

Funding: It was agreed GT should undertake fundraising, for example at car boot sales or asking for donations for clothes at the upcoming Clothes Swap, if there were people willing to organise this. Gracie also noted the availability of funding for projects from local businesses.

Trustees: There was some discussion about whether a term limit of 5 years, with a one year stand down before standing for re-election, should be written into the constitution. It was agreed we should give this serious thought.

Action Area Map: There was discussion about whether our proposed area of action should be defined by circumference or by Parish boundaries. Robert was working on producing a map. Kevin Farnham had some knowledge to bring to this and he and Robert will work together to bring information for us to make a decision. There was good support from the meeting for projects to support nature and improve wildlife corridors.

Communication: the AGM notice had not been available on the facebook page and there was an undertaking to rectify this in the future. Several of the members present had not been receiving e mails. E mail addresses were taken for anyone present who wanted to go on the mailing list.

7. End and date of next AGM (TBC)