

JUNE 2021

TTW Food and Wildlife groups joint Zoom meeting minutes, Wed 10th June 21
Present: Sue Rickard (notes), Stewart Hill, Kate Holloway, Helen Gillingham (chair), Paddy Finnegan, Laura Cooper, Anita Roy

Fox's Field updates:

2nd consultation leaflets were not delivered as promised. £600 paid for whole town delivery, but only North and West sides received them. A complaint is progressing to get some rebate.

Fox's Field activities:

Group balsam bashing 12th June. In addition Helen/Sue have delivered posters to Blue Pantry, inviting anyone to pull balsam anytime. Info describes plant and where it is.

Eco surveys 19th June. 6am Birds. 10am Dormice, reptiles, etc. 8.30pm Bat walk.

Forest garden training:

Helen suggested a presentation in July of what the design group have learned from the course. Various venue possibilities are: Fox's Field, or at Tonedale House. Discussion about who is it for. Helen would like to include everyone.

Main issues:

What does the land want?

What do the people want?

What does the wildlife want?

Wish-lists for each creature/being could be developed.

Regular drone videos to record progress would be good. Jem will be asked if he can do regular fly-overs to show seasonal and yearly changes.

Paddy suggested we might learn from Buckfast Abbey's medicinal/herb garden. Laura suggested a video introduction to FF is put onto the TTW YouTube channel.

Anita described the contacts that we can now access through Rakesh's "Roots n Permaculture" network, and we have much knowledge to give to others, to contribute to that network.

Community Gardening:

Trello: Would it be better to have some people dedicated to regular tasks, eg someone who lives near a site? Agree to continue as we are for now to give everyone variety.

Pyrography: 2/3 of labels still to do. Helen to buy more blank labels, and maybe an extra pen.

Longacre: Planning started for building a compost area in August that is out of sight for local residents. Town council site visit proposal as the site is currently looking very good. Laura and Anita to lead if it is arranged for an evening.

Eat Festival:

Early September, so planning to be discussed next month.

Wildlife project:

Survey monkey survey to be created to allow people to request seed for autumn, identify people who can upgrade certificates. Green Heart certificates to be put through selected house letterboxes to stimulate further wildlife interest. Wellington school has enquired, and may do an eco survey of the community woodland and Basins areas.

AOB:

Sally Hill has invited us to participate in Whacky Wednesday events. E.g. Nuts4Nature. She'd like to showcase our 'amazing map'. She would be willing to sponsor TTW as a contribution from LiveWest. She would also like our involvement in a 'nature on your doorstep' website which will sign-post people to local resources, projects etc.

Helen has had problems with the bank not changing the name on our bank account and might need to visit in person.

Stewart is organising an EFAW first aid day for 5th July, with 3 places taken and 2 spare. Once confirmed by Bridgette, those spare places will be advertised on the TTW gardeners WhatsApp group.

A Stir to Action Ltd "Playground for the New Economy" festival, at a newly open training centre near Uffculme looks interesting. 13th to 15th July. <https://www.stirtoaction.com/festival>. There are a series of workshops and talks aimed at activists, one of which is by the Transition Bounce Forward team who are doing a session on Thursday 15th at 2pm. Who wants to go? To which sessions? (NB Transition Bounce Forward team are doing a session on Thursday 15th at 2pm) A film maker from Germany would like to make a documentary about Transition Network groups. Anita will invite her here.

Next meeting will be IN PERSON, at Swains Lane nature reserve. 6:30pm Wednesday 7th July.