

Minutes for Transition Town Wellington: (Via Zoom)

Date: Thursday 12th May

Present: Helen Gillingham, Kate Holloway, Steve Saunders, Stewart Hill, Sue Rickard, John Young and Anne Sparks

Apologies: Anita Roy, Andreas Hofmeyr, Vanessa Ruhlig, Philip Knowlman, Paddy Finnegan, Adrian Rose.

Agenda item	Discussion points	Actions
1. Team Wilder	This is an initiative by Somerset Wildlife Trust, (SWT), and has a similar agenda to that of TTW's 'Gardening for Wildlife' project, but with a few extra ideas, such as 'Open Garden" events. We could suggest moving to this with the Wellington gardens that have a gold star and 'Left Wild for Wildlife' sign. Helen suggested that TTW could simply encourage and promote the SWT ideas for creating wildlife friendly gardens, and also people could add data to SWT's wildlife map. By not doing so much ourselves, more time and energy would be released for other projects. For example, Helen would like to focus on night-time lighting and its effect on insects.	a). Put some of our wildlife projects, covered by SWT's Team Wilder, on the back-burner and focus on new things, such as the damage to insects of night-time lighting. b). Encourage people to add plants, flowers, birds and insects to the Inaturalist map used by Team Wilder
2. Clay and bird boxes item from FB	Sara Shorney has offered waste clay from her Thursday pottery class at Court fields. and suggested ways for making bird boxes (with scrap wood and this clay?) to be fitted in house eaves to increase the habitat for birds, but no-one in the meeting, (there were only about 5 of us), felt that that they wanted to take this on	Actions Kate will respond to Sara and tell Lindy Roy about the clay offer, as she may be interested in following it up.
3. Field Trip to Totnes	A group trip, by train, to Totnes to visit a permaculture project is being planned. Possibly on the 23rd of July. Anita has said how much she likes the way that various Totnes groups have come together on the project. This could be a good model for developing the Wellington Green Corridor. There is also a 3-4 year old forest garden, which would give us an idea of how ours will develop. They have a herb garden as well and Helen mentioned that Helen Kearney is to do another Wellington herb walk on the 16th July.	Action Anita will contact the permaculture people to arrange a date for a trip
4. Green Corridor Public consultation update, meeting date with Dave Farrow and Adam Lockyer	Adam's advice, on the subject of public consultations, is to state what you are planning/doing and then ask for comments. This works better than starting with suggestions and ideas from the floor.	Action - Anita to arrange and lead a walk for any of our Town Councillors through all TTW's sites, including the herb garden, Post Close, Long Acre, Fox's Field and others.

<p>5. Scything event on 18th June</p>	<p>A Scything Event to cut grass in Fox's Field Forest garden is planned for June 18th. We hope that Andi Rickard, our scything queen, will be able to bring some of her fellow scythers along to help.</p> <p>Signs - Stewart is concerned that we should warn passers-by of the hazard that scything might present and Helen is concerned about people walking on the grass for a fortnight beforehand, as the more upright the grass, the easier it is to cut. To avoid flattening, the last date for watering before the event will be May 25th.</p> <p>If the event goes ahead it will be a lovely day to get together in the field with drinks, nibbles and cake.</p>	<p>Actions</p> <p>Helen will send an email to the larger TTW group to let them know about the event and Kate will add a notice to the WhatsApp group.</p> <p>Steve Saunders will bring a gazebo.</p> <p>Kate and Sue and others will bake cakes.</p> <p>Helen will bring homemade flowering quince preserve.</p> <p>Stewart, Sue and Helen to organise signs (see above)</p>
<p>6. CCS grant for future projects</p>	<p>Helen suggested we could apply for funds eg. to buy a shed for Fox's Field, or for more ground cover plants. But she is also keen to develop the new foraging map which would include new housing estates, eg. the one called Monument View, in Rockwell Green.</p> <p>Actions</p> <p>Helen will work out the costs for design and printing of a new map.</p> <p>Kate will try to get hold of details of the housing estate, ie. planning number.</p>	<p>Actions</p> <p>Helen will work out the costs for design and printing of a new map.</p> <p>Kate will try to get hold of details of the housing estate, ie. planning number.</p>
<p>AOB</p>	<p>Kate and Stewart mentioned that we've had an 'early apples' offer, for apple juicing in July. The objection was that Brendon Orchards don't start hiring out their juicing equipment until later. Helen suggested that we could use the hand juicer at any summer events</p>	<p>Apple meeting in July to plan next year- to be actioned by Stewart (and Kate)</p>