

Minutes for Transition Town Wellington's Sustainable Food/ Wildlife Group

Date; 13/07/22

Present; Vanessa and Andreas Rhulig, Lizzie Aveline, Adrian Rose, Paddy Finnegan, Stewart Hill, Helen Gillingham, Martyn Ford

Apologies; Kate Holloway, Sue Rickard, Philip Knowlman, Anita Roy, Anita Corbin, Steve Saunders

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Actions
1. Trinity Orchard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Richard Kelly, curate of St Johns Church, asked what TTW's connection was to the orchard. Helen explained the history of how it was set up and that Simon Ratsey had been managing it on behalf of TTW. * We agreed we would like to see the wildlife and orchard element to stay * Perhaps we could help start a "friends of" group * Ownership and therefore permission/responsibility of the site is unknown, therefore nothing could be done or decided until this was known 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Richard or others to continue to find out who owns the site * www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk can provide resources and support to volunteers managing graveyards for wildlife habitat etc, Stewart to pass this information on to Richard.
2. Organising a Social / Promotional Event at Longacre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * A grant has been applied for to help cover costs, we will find out if we've been successful soon. * Date; Either the 13th or 27th August. Probably the 13th as more people could do this date. * Food; To make items from the type of fruit and nuts growing at Longacre, to showcase what can be made from the harvest, to be given out to visitors to try for free. (If grant successful) * Childrens activities ask Hannah again, and Paddy's smoothie maker * Music * Advertise just to the local area. Make quite clear there is no parking in advertising, and no disabled access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Helen to circulate email to ask for volunteers and which date they can do. * Ask for volunteers to make food * Paddy has access to a bike which can power a blender. Paddy to organise this at the event if the 13th. * Ask Hannah if she can help * Ask Jim if we can use his toilet or think about hiring a portalo.
3. Discussing Fox's Field event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Some improvements to organisation * Generally great * List of activities was good * Fresh water supply was good * Organisers wore high viz. * Lack of toilet, parking, disabled access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Make sure the first aid kit doesn't get buried under "stuff" * Health and safety talk at the beginning * Put up a sign near any wildflowers to make sure they don't get sat on to avoid bee stings

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4. Shed/ Shelter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * We need one for practicality * Where will it be * What will it be made of * Can we get a grant for it 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Andreas to ask at Neroche Woodlanders for a wood supply and possible teacher * Adrian to see if he can contact Emma Appleton
5. Green Corridor Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Helen reported back from the meeting on Thursday 7th * There won't be one person in charge but organised by a "working group" a committee of representatives from each volunteer group * Contractors will be paid to do specific jobs * Sports pitches and access problems * Park run * Pump track * Community farm wants to get going * Public consultation * Unlikely the mowing of Linden Meadow will be resourced this year but if TTW can find a grant to pay a contractor, we'd be more than welcome. * How likely is this to be extended south of Exeter Road? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Dave to feed back with draft public consultation * Public consultation to be discussed at the Environment and Open Spaces Meeting on Tuesday 19th 4pm. Location unsure, either the untied reform church or council offices. * All to research other projects for inspiration. To collect photos, videos to show others, perhaps via zoom. * Helen to suggest the above at the meeting * Mowing contractor to be added to the next grant form possible.
6. Community Gardening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * There has been less people coming to gardening sessions in June/July due to heat and holidays and also perhaps more spread out in a high frequency of sessions * The grass mowings need raking from 18th June as a matter of urgency * Everything else is ticking along nicely * It's great we are starting to get a new leader in Anita C * Katherine Church writing SW&T's ecology action plan is a great person to know * Praise from Britain in Bloom and Darren Hill 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Helen to write an article or perhaps shorter FB posts about how "Everyone welcome" does mean everyone, perhaps emphasise the mental health benefits or adding volunteering to a CV. * Ask Anita C to do some vox pops with regulars explaining why they like it. * Andreas to ask Neroche woodlanders about bench making from green wood.
7. Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Wednesday 10th August in person 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Location TBC via email discussion, either "The Local Folk" or Swains barn.