

Minutes for Transition Town Wellington Food and wildlife monthly meeting

Venue: Swaine's Lane

Date: 07 June 2023

Present: Anita Roy (minutes), Helen Gillingham (chair), Philip Knowlman, Kate Holloway, Sue Rickard, Stewart Hill, Lewis (SLVG), Simon Ratsey, Diana Fox, Greg

Apologies: Steve Saunders, Adrian Rose

Agenda item	Discussion points	Actions
Swaines' Lane & Trinity Orchard	<p>Discussed the future managing and volunteers for Swains Lane now that SR has retired. Jackie Jeffrey has taken over as main point-person.</p> <p>Lewis & his son have been keeping the pathways mown: Thanks to them for that. And TTW happy to reimburse cost of fuel for mower previously covered by Wellington in Bloom/Gardening Club</p> <p>Yellow rattle seed will be ready to collect in next 2-3 weeks from upper field.</p> <p>Discussed maintenance of Trinity Orchard, esp some tree-surgery needed. Key with Dave Farrow.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Simon to send list of SL volunteers emails to community.ttw@gmail.com or to Flip.• TTW to be in touch with Jackie re helping to engage more volunteers and advertise sessions.• Helen to reimburse Lewis for mower fuel cost. Add to next funding application.• Helen to talk to Dave re tree surgeon for Trinity Orchard & whether it can be treated as part of the Green Corridor.
Fox's Field	<p>i) Moving stone pines – leave till winter</p> <p>ii) container – waiting to her on planning permissions. Helen suggested to WTC to forget entrance way and just concentrate on getting container soon – lift in by crane rather than drive through gate. Deadline for planning decision: 16th June, so we should know soon.</p> <p>iii) planting day on Friday: 200+ more plants to go into the herb area</p> <p>iv) Stefan J and Anita R to meet with Court Fields teachers to coordinate kids work party to help weave bench on Weds 21st June</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kate to call Annette at WTC to get update on planning or who to call at the planning dept.• AR to check school kids have permission to take photos for reporting back to TransTog funders.

Longacre	<p>Discussion about how best to engage with local folks about the vandalism/bad behaviour etc that has been going on lately. Everyone agreed Helen's letter was excellent. Kate suggested a different – more positive and 'transition-y' wording – on an 'update' type flier.</p> <p>Thanks given to Jim for keeping paths mown and generally doing so much to keep an eye on the goings on there.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First step: Helen and Kate to do the TTW update leaflet (Anita R to design if needed) & are happy to knock on doors and talk to folk around end June. • If there are still probs thereafter may go back to Council & try stronger worded letter. Dave F said WTC would back us up if needed.
Linden Meadow	<p>Event on 3rd great success & loads done. Still need to do scything around trees at bottom of hill & along railway line near river.</p> <p>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional scything date (led by Adrian) for 14th June morning.
Green Corridor	<p>Helen to represent TTW on the green corridor walk around and in doing management plan for grasslands and hedgerows.</p> <p>Signage: Anita R suggested it might be nice to use same font as for FF and Longacre signs throughout the green corridor.</p> <p>Group welcomed Simon R's suggestion of a green burial ground, but agreed there wasn't suitable space or opportunity within current land for this.</p> <p>Flip talked about the additional bit of the 'green wedge' near Foxdown hill & whether that might at some point also be bought in order to add to the corridor. No plans on this yet though.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AR to send fonts to Flip (for website) • Kate to talk to Annette re signage/design
Apple Juice	<p>Report from Stewart: 201 bottles sold (inc White Post). Remaining stock (total): 106 (good), 35 (bad)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HG to do more online advertising • Kate & Stewart to do a couple more Wellington markets
Water Guardians	<p>Sue keen to see if someone else might help or even take over leading group.</p> <p>Anita noted that World Rivers Day in Sept was a good thing to highlight & recommended linking up with Friends of the River Exe.</p> <p>Folks also like the idea of linking Wivvy Wellington & Taunton similarly: Friends of the River Tone?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anita R and Sue to meet poss with Lucy P to see if she might like to be more actively involved • Sue to share with Water Guardians WA Group: Wilder matters: Water Quality online event, on Tuesday 20th June 7-8.30pm <p>https://www.somersetwildlife.org/events/2023-06-20-wilder-matters-water-quality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

<p>TTW Bookworms</p>	<p>Sue talked through various ideas and options for next meetings. All agreed on: July 19th – Jinny Reddy <i>Wonderland</i> and Robin Wall Kimmerer <i>Braiding Sweetgrass</i> and Benedict Macdonald <i>Orchard</i> September – special session on <i>From What Is to What If?</i> Rob Hopkins November – on soil & earth</p>	
<p>Trip to Totnes</p>	<p>Trip to Martin Crawford's forest garden on July 8th eventbrite page set up. Only 18 tickets available. Car share.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone book their place at https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/forest-garden-tour-with-martin-crawford-tickets-643552953207?aff=oddtcreator
<p>Trinity Orchard</p>	<p>Simon R noted key is with Dave F @TC and some basic maintenance needed. Ownership still unclear. Tree surgeon needed & laurels to coppice.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helen to write in diary to talk to nudge Dave about it

Next meeting will be Weds 5th July 2023, at Swaines Lane Barn (weather permitting)