

## Minutes for Transition Town Wellington meeting:

Date: 18/10/2023

Present: Helen Gillingham, Anita Roy, Diana, Flip Knowlman, Stephen Tate, Steve Saunders, Richard Lorraine-Smith

Agenda item	Discussion points	Actions
Calendar	<p>2024 calendar being printed. 250 copies in their own envelopes.</p> <p>Print costs to be covered by money allocated for something else, so need to make sure there is enough interest to break even, which responses from FB etc so far indicate there is. Calendars can be picked up from Ruxstons, hand-delivered, or posted.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Helen to share link to Chuffed.org page and start promoting on social media</li></ul>
Shadow COP	<p>Stephen has found a venue @Wellington School and will be booking it for Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 10-4pm. Capacity &lt;60 people. This will be a chance to show 'measurable change' and for councillors (and others) across the county to get better informed about zero emissions targets and climate action by local communities.</p> <p>He has spoken to Dave Farrow about helping to created the Climate Strategy for Wellington: HG suggested he might talk to or work with Chris Barratt on this.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ST to present idea to next WTC meeting and apply for funding.</li></ul>
Trees	<p>Flip has added Somerset Tree Strategy docs to the website. Outlined a proposal to create a tree map of the town (like foraging/wildlife maps) and lead 'tree walks' with peoples' own stories at each favourite tree. Poss also encourage people to put TPOs on the trees. This idea was warmly welcomed by the rest of the team.</p> <p>Richard presented idea to plant the oak tree saplings he has been growing in places around town, in memory of soldiers killed in WW2. It was felt that at present ttw couldn't offer suitable spaces within the GC land, although broadly supportive of the idea.</p> <p>Helen noted that Holly RJ had been contacted by someone looking for transplant some 2 yr old orchard fruit trees to a new site.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Flip to think of dates in Spring (and Autumn?) for TTW Tree Walks.</li><li>since the meeting Diana Fox has teamed up with Anita Corbin to try and find somewhere for these.</li></ul>

Green Corridor	<p>Helen briefed people on the detailed field-by-field management plan that the GC advisory group is working on creating. Excellent opp for biodiversity net gain, given the relatively poor rating for most of the site in the now-completed habitat baseline survey. We are unlikely to be planting any new trees this winter.</p> <p>Flip flagged up the Biodiversity Net Gain webinar offered by SWildlife Trust for anyone who's interested: <a href="https://www.somersetwildlife.org/events/2023-11-08-unlock-hidden-potential-your-land-biodiversity-net-gain-webinar">https://www.somersetwildlife.org/events/2023-11-08-unlock-hidden-potential-your-land-biodiversity-net-gain-webinar</a></p>	
Apple Juicing Project	<p>AR informed the group that Stewart has decided to step down from leading on the apple juicing. Huge thanks and appreciation from everyone on what an amazing job he has done on this over the past three years.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kate H has offered to take the lead on this going forward.</li> </ul>
Fox's Field	<p>Container is happening. Annette at WTC has ordered; container and base being funded by town council: plants surrounding it, and trellis etc from TT grant.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HG, KH and Steve S to meet on Friday to discuss practicalities.</li> </ul>
Winter Gathering	<p>Diana Fox offered to host a winter gathering for ttw volunteers on 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 3pm. Details to follow.</p>	
Town Council Meeting	<p>Next full council meeting on Nov 6<sup>th</sup>. Sue R will be there for ttw. It was agreed that she would speak about the trees that have been damaged or have died (around Lidl, Bloor Homes) &amp; what the council can do about this.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diana and Richard to give info to Sue on which trees and where so she can speak about this in the 3-minute slot at the beginning of the council meeting</li> </ul>
Transition Talks & outreach	<p>HG and AR told the team about the new FG project at Cossington, and the idea of 'twinning' with FF. Warmly welcomed. Forest Garden talk planned soon at IKG school. Talk on 'what is a forest garden' plan to do soon.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revisit the 'what is a FG' talk idea at next meeting and maybe put a date &amp; venue in the diary.</li> </ul>
Oral History Proj	<p>AR noted that the Lottery Funding grant has been turned down for this, but that Rib Davis of the Oral Hist soc has offered to do some training for free to help us get the ball rolling on the proj. Also new page created by Flip on the ttw.org website.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AR and Anita C to discuss with Rib Davis on zoom on Friday &amp; decide on plan to take this forward.</li> </ul>

Grants	HG noted the following grant we can apply for: Magic Little Grants <£500 Transition Together Seed Funding <£5000 And also the Tonedale Action Group has offered to donate their funds (approx. £800) to TTW now they have wound up.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Helen &amp; finance/grants team to look at applying for more money soon.</li></ul>
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NEXT MEETING: TTW AGM on Wednesday Nov 8th, 7:30pm at The Local Folk (TBC)