

## Minutes for Transition Town Wellington monthly planning meeting

Date: 03/01/24

Present: Diana F, Adrian, Lizzie, Sue, Stewart, Helen G, Flip, Greg, Anita C, Anita R.

Apologies: Holly, Andreas

Introductions - Helen Willis heard about TTW from the Blue Pantry info

Agenda item	Discussion points	Actions
Forest Garden talk	Helen G suggests it should include description of FG; what we've done/ achieved; how it relates to original consultation; plans for the future. Could include talk by Adam Lockyer on the Community Farm and the Town Council on the Green Corridor, (Mike McGuffie?)	Decide on date - possibly a Saturday morning/afternoon - 17th Feb, 16th March, 20th April at the Art Centre after film, 'Six Inches of Soil' on Friday 19th April. Lizzie will find out more.
Grants	Sunday 7th Jan is deadline for seed funding grant from Transition Network. £2,000 for Oral History project, £3,000 for everything else, (except gardening stuff). E.g. web maintenance, tools, plant/herb labels, etc. Key members of TTW are hoping to be paid for a small part of their work towards the upcoming projects due to the amount of extra hours they will have to put in.	Anita R. Will apply for grants
New Website	Flip and Roger have worked extremely hard on the website and put in very many volunteer hours. Roger doesn't even live in Wellington so we have presented him with a small original painting/card that we have all signed to thank him for his work.	Flip would welcome feedback on how website works, so Anita C. will off free TTW calendar as reward.
Calendars	There are 50 left which we'll offer at full price at next Repair cafe, 06/01/24, and then at half price, for £5.	Anita C will take calendars, (and apple juice), to Repair Cafe and also give some to suppliers and town councillors.

Oral History Project	Anitas R and C have been working on this and a two-day training course for 10-12 people is being offered by Rib Davis to anyone interested in interviewing techniques. Cost is £20. It's an international research project on the way people are thinking about the environment and maybe being motivated to do something about it, e.g. fear of climate change; love of nature; future for children, etc. A big deal for TTW as we are the only TT in the UK to be invited to do this.	Anita R has written some blurb for advertising the training opportunity, so we need to spread the word.
Transport	Nothing to report from Greg.	
Green Corridor	Field by field management plan to be discussed with councillors - Mike McGuffie (?) at the next meeting. Anita R reports that Hannah Montag is planning to talk to landowners, eg in Langford Budville, about how their land can be used for rewilding/wildlife as Farmer Coles has done. Possibly Adam Lockyer could do presentation on the benefits, financial and otherwise. There is potential for extending the green corridor through the town and even to link up with other villages and the Blackdowns.	This could be discussed with Adam. Also, other farmers could be told about this.
Repair Cafe	Is now in the Scout Hall and is going well.	Anita C will take calendars, and apple juice on Saturday
Apple Juice	Anita C reports that Ruxton's and the Blue Pantry have each sold over 50 bottles.	Anita will continue to keep both shops supplied.
Gardening	Helen G reports that work is to be done on regenerating the hedge, putting up the trellis around the container and wild hops, clematis and honeysuckle to be planted. Deliveries required for manure, compost and wood chips but FF is too muddy at the moment. A hard frost or a long, dry spell is needed.	Helen G will continue to lead gardening sessions, (also Anita R and Anita C).
Bookworms	The next meeting is on 24/01/24 and is on 'Dirt to Soil' and/or 'Dirt'	Sue will host and Helen G will advertise this in the newsletter.

Hedge maintenance	This has started in Linden Meadow. Greg reports that he, Adrian and Leary have formed a sub-group with their own WhatsApp. Leary is leading, as he has much expertise. New member, Helen W says she would like to join the group. Somerset Wildlife Trust are offering a free course on hedge-laying.	The group will continue to work together over the next couple of months to finish the hedge. Hedging dates to avoid gardening dates.
Council meetings	Next one is 08/01/24. Sue is happy to do many of them but Lizzie is coming to the next one to talk about the new website. Sue will mention that the councillors are welcome to make use of the Sustainable Living articles, which are all on our website.	Lizzie and Sue will attend meeting and report back at next meeting.
Next Meeting	Wednesday 7 February at 19:30 at the Ecolodge, Foxdown Hill TA21 9NH	