
NOTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP HELD ON THURSDAY 3RD MARCH 2022, 7PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

1. In attendance - Clerk, Apprentice, Cllr Rigby, E Flounders, C Perkins, K Thomas, C Carter

2. To consider notes from last meeting in Feb & any matters arising

No matters have arisen.

3. To provide an update on waste and recycling

- Progress of Terracycle point at Community Centre – people have been using the dental products & the cleaning products caddies more. Apprentice to advertise that people can take blister packs to Superdrug in Cheltenham and that pet pouches can go to pets at home.
- Feedback on the half term litter pick – 4 people turned up. The litter pickers went straight to Mill Lane. They litter picked along the brook. One family that attended is now regularly litter picking.

4. To consider ways to protect local trees

The aim of this agenda item is to see if any trees need protecting under a tree protection order (tpo) and that regular updates are given to the group about the conditions of the trees. For a tree to be TPO'D, it must not be dying or dead. Planning @ Tewkesbury have a say as to whether the tree can be TPO'D or not. A member of the group stated that there are two valuable trees near Moorfield Road (suspected to be two golden birch) that ideally need TPO'ing. The list of TPO'd trees is currently in a big file with a member of the group but could be digitalised onto a publication scheme. The clerk stated that our winter maintenance on trees have been completed but leftover wood piles need tidying. Several trees have fallen since the storm, the trees however are not ours but have fallen onto our land. The clerk is currently in the process Apprentice to chase up orchard trust takeover process.
E flounders to be added to mailing list for planning agendas so objections can be made to plans that affect trees.

5. Update on Nature Reserve

- Maintenance plan for nature reserve – The Clerk and E Flounders have updated the plan and will circulate. The Padlock to get into the nature reserve may need to be replaced as it is faulty. A fair amount of wildflower has started growing within the nature reserve. It was decided that the group would let things establish within the nature reserve to see what vegetation grows. E flounders suggested oxygenated plants to help maintain the pond's health.

6. Update on Horsbere Brook project

- Planning for future works - Greenfields have cleared the appropriate areas all long to the bridge & along the footpath.
- Clerk is in the process of retrieving quotes for the steps that are wanted to go from the park down to the brook. A work party in the summer is needed for clearing along the brook.

7. Update on Allotments

Developers are pushing to sign over the land in the next month. Allotments along Court Road have seventeen on their waiting list. The group are looking at having native hedging, fruit trees etc up at the allotments.

8. Discuss Planter Cycle Racks –

Tewkesbury Borough Council have offered the Council some funding for outdoors spaces.

9. Discuss Jubilee trees & wildflower planting

E flounders is still nurturing the sapling jubilee trees. We have had requests to put trees along Rowan Gardens. The group is keen to put memorial trees in around Brockworth too. We have £1000 in budget for bulb planting, wildflower planting and trees. The work party for planting wildflowers seeds is the 19th of March in the AM. The group discussed needing a rotavator for the ground. The Clerk will write to Clyde Road and Mill Lane residents making them aware of the sowing of the seeds. The Council are giving out red, white, and blue seeds to all school children in Brockworth in honour of the Jubilee.

10. Discuss ideas on the future for the group i.e., events, work party's etc

Vision	Themes
Community Centre	Green Energy
Making homes energy efficient	Sustainability
	Biodiversity
Social media Interpretation boards Volunteer days No Mow May Wood Carvings/ Art Temporary signage to explain works	Community Engagement
	Clean Air
Encouraging more cycling Reducing carbon footprint	Transport
Seed Bank Encouraging recycling Local guide to recycling Repair café	Waste & recycling
Farmers Market Green Grocers Allotments Guerrilla Gardening Fruit Trees	Food

Nature/ Tree Trail – Wildflower planting Bird boxes – insect hotels Volunteer days Social Media Schools & Youth Centre	Involving young people
Village Ponds Street trees Butterfly Garden Horsebere Wildlife Corridor Improvements to council sites	Biodiversity

11. Any other business or updates –

Upcoming events:

Seed swap taking place with the library on 12th March from 10am to noon.

Wildflower planting work party is on 19th March in the AM.

NEXT MEETING IS TAKING PLACE ON THE 5th of April 2022