



Blockley Parish Council Environmental Sustainability Working Group Meeting

Minutes - Thursday 28th October 2021 7.30pm, Little Village Hall, Blockley.

Present: Cllrs - Clare Turner, Kirsty Derson
6 members of the public in attendance
Sarah Longbottom (Clerk)

Apologies: Paul Baines, Jon Bryan, Roger Thornburgh, Charlie Mackinnon-Little, Ruth Caladine, Marion Janner and Mike Sharp.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence were accepted as above.
2. The minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd September 2021 were agreed to be an accurate account of the meeting.
 1. Matters arising –

Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust: a meeting has been held which generated enthusiasm and established a good relationship. Items discussed were: 'tool kit for communities', habitat mapping, funding for future community projects, and the work being carried out in Moreton in Marsh.

3. Report on Climate and Ecological Action Plan consultation (10 mins)

CT thanked all that completed the consultation and reported that 56 responses were received in total.

The public contributions led to some amendments and additions to the action plan including a commitment not to use pesticides. It was reported that the parish council voted unanimously to adopt the action plan.

4. Next steps on Climate & Ecological action (30 mins)

- Mr Chris Walters spoke about the B-Lines nationally, within Gloucestershire and specifically within Blockley, these are uninterrupted insect pathways to improve diversity. Maps were handed out showing the 3km widths that run across the parish. As part of the action plan,

consideration of wild areas are being considered and the correct maintenance of the wild strip at Back Ends Common and the churchyard was discussed. A public consultation for areas to be rewilded is to be discussed with full council.

- Road-side verge cutting is being pursued with the county council.
- The parish council will consider biodiversity for all planning applications.
- Thames Water are to be contacted regarding the management of the green space they own to discuss any environmental goals and opportunities to maximise the land management to generate improved biodiversity.

1. Electric Vehicle Charging Point consultation

CT has met with St Georges Hall management committee in July, as part of the action plan, a consultation is to be launched to evaluate the demand for electric charging points in the parish and specifically charge points at the hall. The consultation will launch on 1st November for three weeks. The results will be reported at the November meeting.

5. Suggestions for future considerations of the working group

Local organic farmer to share their initiatives and tree planting scheme.

6. Next meeting: 24th November 2021.

The meeting closed at 8:34pm.