



Blockley Parish Council Environmental Sustainability Working Group Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 27th January 2022, 7.30pm, Remote.

Present: Cllr Clare Turner, Cllr Paul Baines, Cllr Jon Bryan, Cllr Eleanor Thorneycroft
Sarah Longbottom (Clerk)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence accepted from Cllr Kirsty Derson
2. The minutes of 24th November 2021 were agreed to be an accurate account of the meeting.

Matters arising –

Greystone Farm tree planting activity – volunteer tree planting involved 28 adults and 25 children, 67 apple trees, 50 mixed native trees and willow hedges were planted. As a further initiative, Cllr Baines is providing bee accommodation and management to the organic farm to improve pollination.
3. Action Plan next steps
 - EV proposal is being drafted reviewing pricing schemes and locations.
 - Microsoft training is planned for 8th February, the inclusion of a Microsoft application to develop a coordination of litter picking will be explored
 - Ahead of the refurbishment of Churchill Close play area, any re-wilding needs and the tree survey is to be reviewed by the working group before the next meeting. (AP:01.22:3.1)
 - QR coded signposting across the parish to alert biodiversity is being explored. (AP:01.22:3.2)
4. Spring Clean 2022

The national spring clean is being held between 25th March – 12th April 2022. ESWG will propose to the full council that the parish event is held on Saturday March 26th 2022; refreshments at the Great Western Arms is to be explored. (AP:01.22:4.1)

More litter picking kit has been supplied from CDC. The previously loaned kit needs to be located and returned if not in use. (AP:01.22:4.2)
5. Upcoming events

Kester Derson has volunteered to produce a calendar of national and local campaigns and events relevant to the Action Plan, to help plan communications to parishioners around actions they can take and allow us to link ESWG events to other campaigns and activities.

1. Blockley Forum 1.15 16/02/22 – Cllr Turner is talking about climate and specifically the community carbon footprint of the parish against the national average.

2. Climate Coalition’s “Show the Love” campaign

The event will be forwarded to organisations within the parish as it may be of interest. (AP:01.22:5.1)

3. A green Platinum Jubilee

The Green Canopy to pledge 70 trees is being explored and discussions about maximising the sustainability of the Big Lunch will be discussed with the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee working group.

6. Suggestions for future considerations of the working group

A review of the full action plan will take place at the February meeting. (AP:01.22:5.2)

7. Next meeting: Remote 24th February 2022.

Meeting closed at 8:53pm