

Green Corridor Advisory Board

8 March 2023

7.30pm – Council Chambers

Present: Councillor Mike McGuffie (Wellington Town Council) (Chair)
Councillor Catherine Govier (Wellington Town Council)
Jane Browne (Wellington and District Sports Federation)
Olly Hill
Helen Gillingham (Transition Town Wellington)
Rosie Walker (Woodland Trust)
Anita Roy (Wellington Mills CiC)
Adam Lockyear (Wellington Community Food)
Steve Saunders (Basins Volunteer Group)
Dave Farrow Town Clerk (Wellington Town Council)
Netty Kirk, Assets and Events Officer (Wellington Town Council)

1. Mike McGuffie welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. Consultation Outcomes – Dave Farrow
 - 2.1 Dave reported that the consultation had received 265 responses which compared very favourably with the 70 received in response to the Wellington Place Plan consultation. Copies of the findings were circulated and comments invited. A more formal presentation will be made to the March meeting of the Environment and Heritage Committee.
 - 2.2 Field Names – outcomes of the consultation held in the Pop Up Shop were circulated. The Board agreed the following should be adopted (numbering links to map)
 - Field 1 - Fox's Field
 - Field 2 – Fox Cub Field
 - Fields 3 and 4 – Marsh Mead
 - Field 5 – Riverside Meadow
 - Field 6 – Linden Meadow
 - Field 7 – Great Meadow
 - Field - Waterman Hill
 - Field 9 – Great Oak Field
 - Field 10 – Twelve Acre
 - Field 11 – Shoulder of Mutton Field
 - Field 12 – Hilly Head
3. Updates
 - a. Transition Town
 - Planning permission for the container and hard standing had been submitted but more drawings were required by SWT.
 - More trees provided for free by the Woodland Trust were being planted in Linden Meadow in the bottom corner by the stream on Friday 10 March.
 - Considering how to get water to the trees – there was a discussion about the benefits of mulching

- Concerned about the impact of the tow Wellingtonia in Linden Meadow – Dave to discuss relocating with contacts who arranged purchase.
 - 25 nest boxes had been installed through the nature reserve and up Linden Drive.
- b. Wellington Community Food
- A revised pilot site had been identified and agreed with the Sports Federation
 - Seeds had been ordered
 - 13 out of 20 crop shares had been sold enabling them to employ a grower for two days a week
 - Hoping to plough land in next week or so
 - In discussion with Town Council about Underlease
 - Schools were showing great interest in the project
 - Adam had met rep from Somerset Heritage along with Andrew Beckley to look at archaeological possibilities on the land.
- c. Wellington and District Sports Federation
- Highlighted need for Feasibility study to be carried out as soon as possible – Dave and Jane to discuss outside of the meeting.
 - The badger sets may be an issue in relation to any major earth works required to accommodate the pitches.
4. Removal of Dead Elms at The Basins Allotments – Annette Kirk
Agreed that the dead Elms needed removing as soon as possible to prevent further spread of any disease. Matter to be referred to the Environment and Open Spaces Committee
5. Biodiversity Audits – structure and who to do them – Dave Farrow
Agreed that Adam L would provide Dave F with a spec and names of potential providers.
6. Grants/Support – What's out there? – All
Agreed that the priority was to identify what we wanted to do with the land – that would then lead to which grants were available.
7. Agreed that from now on meetings would be held every other month to feed in to the Environment and Heritage meeting cycle.