

Green Forum Zoom meeting notes 24 Feb 2022

Chair: Anne Smart Notes: Harriet Moggridge

Present: Caroline Townsend, Sally Reynolds, Michelle Charlesworth, Daniel Scharf, Nadine Matough, James Wigmore, Gabby Barody, Peter Narramore

Apologies: Peter Narramore

Webpage

Webpage Nadine showed us the Green Forum webpages she's been developing - and the areas where she'd like us all to contribute eg resources for bus travel nationally, in Oxfordshire, in Abingdon. Has sent round the doc so we can add resources and make suggestions (either edit doc or email Nadine). **Anne to ask Clive to put a link to Green Forum webpage from ACC website. Gabby to check with Andy where Green Forum webpage link to go on Town Council website. Michelle to ask Anne C about how we can see how many people click on webpages.**

<https://oneplanetabingdon.org/green-forum/>

Feedback Google Group set up for us all to get messages/queries sent by public Nadine has already responded to some. **Nadine, with Anne C to create a generic reply.**

Online survey about local travel 36 responses and 7 on paper so far. **Anne to send to schools and Sally to ACC.**

Stalls/events

- Stall booked for 26 March in the marketplace, also the undercroft if wanted but we may not have enough people to man. **Anne to find out what other stalls will be at the market.**
- Gabby will be in the Guildhall - hopes to come and help with stall too. **Will check which other councillors are able to help.**
- Clive will be away so beforehand need to borrow his bike and boards. Gazebo from St Eths. **Anne create a sign up sheet for GF**
- **Caroline, Anne, Nadine, Harriet to plan and set up stall.**

Leads/small group ideas on various topics

- Car sharing - Harriet, Michelle prepared an online survey. **Harriet, Michelle, Dan and Peter to finalise survey and Q & A/explanatory notes.**
- Cycling- competition has been sent out to schools to design a hi-vis gilet/backpack cover. Aim to have a logo and image that promotes cycling and walking. Deadline 2 March, responses to Anne or Pedal Power. 25 waistcoats and 50 backpack covers cost £470 from online supplier (local supplier too costly). Possible grant from low

carbon hub to fund this -applied for. Dan asked Bellway developer for funding too. Waiting to hear, if needed ACC willing to fund half cost and Town Council half cost

- Bikeability. Anne to ask schools if they're providing Bikeability training (there's government funding for it in schools). Gabby has researched funding for adult bikeability schemes - Nathan can use Priority Fund to contribute and looks like money can be found - **Gabby will update GF. Nadine to add a button to the webpage for anyone wanting to have Bikeability training.** Fire service may deliver.
- Cycle map Gabby, Nadine and Sarah have clear idea of the sort of map they'd like and showed eg. of an active travel map of Falmouth and Penryn. All agreed a good thing and to include walking and wheelchair accessible paths. Town Council will fund an online and paper version. Sally showed eg of OCC Abingdon cycle route map - could this be updated? **Gabby, James, Robin and Sustrans to create map. Include cycle parking (Andy Ellis's survey)**
- Cycle signage Gabby has established who to contact in county council - **will make enquiries about improving signs** eg adding a time indication for walking/cycling **and contact Robin about the survey work he did on signage.**
- Public transport. Dan updated us on Bellway development and the new bus stops to be provided on Twelve Acre Drive and Oxford Road.
- Delivery vans. **Promote green delivery slots and other options** eg Pedal and Post, AbiMeds, electric vehicles, buying less stuff.

Neighbourhood Plan

James reported that the open evening is fully booked. Reminded all of the online survey on the Town Council website. **Robin and James to consider how the GF can support Active Travel in the Neighbourhood Plan.**
Nadine to add a link to the Neighbourhood plan on the GF website.

AOB

March 21 - April 2 is Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel. Schools promote pupils walking and cycling by engaging in competition to have most trips walked and cycled.

Saturday 9 July there will be a big green event in the old Abbey buildings, about transport in outside area. Save the date and volunteer!

Next meeting

Thursday 10 March 7.30 pm Zoom. Anne S to chair, Harriet notes. Use half the time to plan Stall on 26th March

The next GF topic Biodiversity to be chaired by Lucille Savin.