

Tadley Environmental Group Zoom Minutes Monday 18th Jan 2021 7.30	
1	<p>Welcome & Introductions. Attendees: JP, JS, KC, TF, WL, RS, AB, RM, RH, SH, SP, VJ, MB, CS, BL (see table at end) Observer: Vanessa Richards – planning on setting up an environmental group in Silchester Guest: Stefanie Rachmann-Davies, Project Mapping public benches in Tadley. Guest: Carol Monaghan: New Road Oak Tree Campaign Rev Richard Harlow (8pm) New members: Charity Smith & fiancée Ben (social media & survey)</p>
2	<p>Apologies: Paul McMullen (new member – Cycling)</p>
3	<p>Notes from 4th meeting (9th March 2020) – none available Overview of TEG given for Guests and new members</p>
4	<p>Reports from Action/Projects owners</p>
a	<p>Jo Slimin: Vice chair TEG JS: Engagement Plan (Stakeholders List, people/other groups who may have an interest in climate change/environmental issues etc, not just Tadley but also further afield). Plan will be updated and then sent to TEG members. To be regularly updated.</p>
b	<p>JS: Is governor at Bishopswood school. To obtain Clean Air Zone banners for schools – schools shut hence not able to do much at present. HCC support Clean Air around schools – see Active Streets below.</p>
c	<p>JS: Jo is director of Calleva Community Energy (non-profit), did work with Tadley Community Centre for LED lighting. CCE have expertise and can give advice and are looking at car charging Barlows Park Football facility – considering installing solar panels (with trackers) and battery backup.</p>
d	<p>Charity Smith & Ben: Social Media Account, Tadley Survey – working on Campaign for Climate Justice, amplifying voices of local community to take action on climate change locally. Survey: of 228 respondents a third of residents do feel that Tadley does enough on climate change, 40% don't feel informed enough about actions already taken, large proportion not aware of what is being done locally, 56% agreed that not enough youth involvement, 92% aware of own responsibility for CC and 85% want to do more – really positive. Could publish results. Introduce tree planting, bring community together. Need to find suitable land, can anyone help? SP: small garden with trees – encourage also small trees and bushes in own gardens, helps wildlife. CS: Spoke with Warwick about residents planting fruit trees, event to bring young people and others together VJ: high % environmentally aware of own impact. Refill company (hub in Tadley?) but finding getting word out is hard, struggling with marketing, planted several fruit trees herself in own garden, get younger generation on board, consider personal impact. Happy to help out, facts and figures helpful to know how many trees planted, bottles saved. JS: worked for Environment Agency – can work with Charity to promote and happy to join media communications group. CS: Instagram page? Tree planting project looking for suitable land, anyone have suggestions for this? Social Media: Setting up Facebook account, Survey – Tadley Community Interest Group CS liaising with Catharine Muldoon, TDCA The Point Youth BL & CS happy to set up, but platform for everyone in TEG, combined effort, fun, shared, engaging online space. AB: Social media start with, on any platform ask what “can I do” Trees – pictures. Place in Millers road can recycle all sorts of things council will not take.</p>

	<p>CM: Communication difficult in finding out info on TEG, 3 others couldn't find group on web site, make TEG more visible before campaigns, also consider people who don't have access to internet.</p> <p>TF: Will now use social media, Facebook, WhatsApp etc. Had plans last year for publicity, but Covid intervened. To use TTC newsletter</p> <p>KC: comment response to Avril's comments: social media focus on what individuals can do and even small changes will make a difference. Focus on "Here is what you can do", overwhelming info on Climate Change, try to reach everyone especially those who don't feel that they can do much.</p> <p>SH: social media news incredibly positive development. Large untapped resource out there but people don't know what to do. Thanks to Charity and Ben for taking this on.</p> <p>RS: related to discussion about what people could do, app idea, has spreadsheet about what average person can do (for environment), happy to share with TEG</p> <p>RM: re communications, need people to get things done e.g. planting trees, member of Basingstoke & North Hants Green Party, difficult to get volunteers</p> <p>WL: spoke to CS this morning to tap into younger people</p> <p>CS: younger generation to be engaged. Planning trees later in year local dance group on board 200 members, Tadley scouts on board, girl guides and brownies, worried about contacting schools at present. Liaising with TDCA Youth Worker</p> <p>JS: New Tadley roundabout publication has groups</p> <p>AB: her daughter is local commissioner for guides and AB will pass on details.</p>	
e	<p>KC, SM, FM: Air Monitoring, B&D BC Climate Change, Waste</p> <p>Kerry Carruthers, Borough Councillor: Nothing new on air monitoring, has been back to council but no updates, but not normal circumstances. Climate Change: B&D committed to CC, carbon neutral by 2025 for council, 2030 for Borough. KC is on B&D CC change committee, Waste collections every fortnight collection (means less climate emissions from fleet vehicles), personally agrees as changes behaviour, trying to communicate re recycling, encourage people to hold onto waste and not dump it outside charity shops.</p> <p>JS: info about recycling issued pre Christmas, any plans for locations for recycling KC: not infrastructure and would need millions to update equipment JS: visited centre in Southampton about 2 years ago, problem cannot sell it. KC: Other plastics but had to stop as aware being shipped abroad so worse carbon footprint</p> <p>RM: technical side is not possible to recycle all types of plastic, takes energy, need to consider educating people</p> <p>MB: Royal Society article, manufacturers need to take into account own packaging, a lot of research being done. Will be a market in the future</p> <p>TF: IQAir, aka AirVisual, Northview Rd [US AQI], Pollutants PM2.5 ug/m³ (One reading 151 unhealthy for sensitive groups), can download app on smartphone</p> <p>Several items on air quality on TTC Website (Environment tab)</p> <p>B&D BC: Consultation on CC & Air Quality Strategy. TF completed on behalf of TEG. Six main categories: Action by all, Buildings, Transport, Zero carbon electricity, Waste and consumption, Natural Environment and off setting.</p> <p>Result not yet known yet but draft Strategy and Action Plan available on B&Deane website</p> <p>Extract: This Council (HCC) resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with districts, schools and local partners to swiftly identify those schools in the county that could put a "school streets" scheme in place. 2. Work with districts, schools and local partners to enable all schools that wish to take part in the "school streets" scheme to do so – taking advantage of experimental traffic orders and new statutory guidance over fast-tracked Traffic Regulation Orders where necessary. 3. Measure air quality around a sample of schools in all six districts at child-head height to identify the level of air pollution children are being exposed to at school drop-off and pick-up. 4. Pilot additional measures to improve air quality near schools in 2020/21, such as 'living green walls' and tree planting." <p>TF: Not all gloom and doom, much being done to tackle air pollution.</p>	
f	<p>Tree Planting & Green Infrastructure Subgroup membership change to: WL, Carol Monaghan (new member), MT, RH</p> <p>WL: went to AWE to get small saplings (60) mainly blackthorn. Whitedown Road and Burial ground but had hot summer and couldn't water them so some died. Hope to repeat project later this year.</p>	

	<p>TTC land along A340 and some other areas farmers, golf course well populated but could do more (Woodland Trust provides saplings and information)</p> <p>RH: TEG needs to be vigilant about planning applications, some will threaten well established trees e.g. New Road Oak campaign, iconic status of trees worth noting and preserve trees</p> <p>Kerry: is considered at council meetings. Tadley can't build as much as some areas but need</p> <p>See also agenda item 4d</p>	
g	<p>RH, MB, RM, SP: Cycling & Walking</p> <p>Richard Harlow, Mark Beauchamp, Richard Musson, Sheila Peacock</p> <p>MB: Gov provided £250 million for temporary infrastructure. Hants Cllr. Humbry ask all councillors for suitable pop up sites, Cllr Mellor stated that Tadley was not suitable for this as no high street, Wish list compiled but mostly not agreed and did not meet criteria. Is there something TTC could do? JS: AWE did pay for short cycle way A340 boundary, A340 is a problem, was money for widening and was improvement group at one point but money ran out. TTC H&P could look at planning, could suggest cycle route, TTC has improved pathway near chip shop.</p> <p>Mark: Wish list was for small improvements in Tadley, separate doc listing these will be issued e.g. Silchester road path needs work. JS: TTC may have a small amount of money eg moving barriers</p> <p>Sheila: Mark: money from government? TF: as part of £250 million Emergency Active travel Fund HCC received £860,000 initially and hoped to receive a further £3,450,000 for among other things School Street schemes – which close roads outside schools during drop-of/pickup times with multiple aims of improving road safety for pupils, encouraging active travel to school/modal shift out of cars and improving air quality and environment at school gates</p> <p>JS: article in Times, a lot of local authorities not taking this offer up</p> <p>Dept Of Transport: Gear Change: A bold vision for cycling & walking</p> <p>This Council HCC. resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work with districts, schools and local partners to swiftly identify those schools in the county that could put a “school streets” scheme in place. 2. Work with districts, schools and local partners to enable all schools that wish to take part in the “school streets” scheme to do so – taking advantage of experimental traffic orders and new statutory guidance over fast-tracked Traffic Regulation Orders where necessary. 	g
h	<p>KH, SM, FM, KC, RH, RC: Recycling</p> <p>List on TTC web site 3 page doc listing ways and locations of recycling</p> <p>SP: talked to Cllr Mellor about going to the tip as an individual as at present geared for vehicles only and accepted that dangerous for pedestrians but are having a trial at Alresford. Needs to be considered particularly in view of Covid.</p>	
i	<p>FM, RC, TF, JS: Litter picking</p> <p>Francesca Meloni, Richard Charlick, TF, JS</p> <p>Not much activity due to Covid but members of the public are taking the initiative themselves and we thank them for that.</p> <p>JS: if anyone wants to do this contact TTC who can provide equipment and insurance provided in Tadley only. We were planning to get involved with the Keep Britain Tidy last year but could not proceed due to Covid. Will get involved if it happens this year</p>	
j	<p>TF, RS: Future Electric Vehicle Charging, Energy Info</p> <p>TF, Robert Sharp (Evergreen)</p> <p>RS: How far have we got in considering free option for feasibility study for on street charging? Government Scheme ORCS (On-street Residential ChargePoint Scheme) provides additional funding (£10 million for 2020/21) and local authorities invited to submit applications. In Tadley we are ready to sign up to the feasibility study but still need to identify suitable locations which is proving difficult.</p> <p>HCC Energy Team have produced a document Electric Vehicle Charging Points - Central Southern Regional Framework which provides guidance and access to a leading Market Supplier (JoJu) without the need to go through costly supplier procurement process. This covers Feasibility, Installation and Service & Management. The feasibility stage is free but</p>	

		needs locations to be identified (this is where we need help). Please let us know if you have suggestions for suitable locations in Tadley
k		<p>TF: Web site Publications & Links, B&D BC Liaison Meetings other local councils e.g. TF attended Zoom meetings organised by Lucy Martins, Climate Change Officer: Overton, Burghclere, Ashmansworth, Oakley, Whitchurch. TF will look at TEG page on TTC web site Looking at various issues</p> <p>RS: Google docs useful for keeping documents – happy to set up shared resource can add to list Alternative to dropbox, JS: although doubts about safety of dropbox apparently advised not to use it. Have used google docs, need to ensure that docs not modified.</p> <p>SH: Material for website Green Homes Grant Scheme up to £5,000 (£10k for if on universal credit) provide link to scheme. SH: willing to put together doc for website.</p> <p>No time to discuss: Greening - Terena Plowright Phase 1 Engagement and behaviour change Using specialist pack get everyone in community to join together and make 5 significant changes to their lifestyle. How much CO2 saved?</p>
l		<p>Any other reports</p> <p>Vanessa Richards – considering setting up an environmental group in Silchester. Model had was organisation called sustainable Blueberry set up 10 years ago, which had web site for village, topics; solar panels discount, help to identify suppliers, thermal imaging cameras use for free etc. Plans to set up group with own web site and collective buying, signpost initiatives and collective buying and work out how much energy saved.</p> <p>Stefanie Rachmann-Davies: Project Mapping public benches in T. Project came about on talking to friend (mobility impaired) who wants to walk more and can't walk very far, can only do short distances, asked if any benches. SR-D would map benches and could share with others e.g. on Tadley Mums Facebook group. Also, Tadley resident said could produce Map and GS comparisons working with him, had started in heath End to put benches on open street/source map. Stefanie has received map from Nicki of all benches in Tadley.</p> <p>Pull together also for Baughurst, Pamber Heath, possibly Silchester and place on TTC website. Project for one map, may highlight lack of benches. TF: if we need more benches may be money from TTC.</p> <p>Carol Monaghan: Setup in New Road Oak tree petition and wondered about bench near that tree. linking to that Paul McMullen TEG member asked her to talk to Charity re get community backing for voting system in Tadley for favourite tree to raise awareness of environment. Also recording notable trees on what3words.</p> <p>No Mow May: TTC verges not originally cut leaving some of the verges to create greater biodiversity but then whole areas were cut. How about leaving some of the verges this year?</p> <p>JS: Awe estate council areas owned by TTC others HCC owned, could be cost saving</p> <p>CS: Good idea about NNM to get residents and council on board with cards in windows saying NNM to raise awareness</p>
5		All: Other Suggestions/Volunteers for Actions/Projects (see above)
6		Next TEG Meeting 2 months time
		Further project suggestions:
		Fund raising & grant research
		Eco Fair and representation at other events (e.g. Treacle Fair)
		Future Events:
		The Great British Spring Clean? Treacle Fair 2021? Clean Air Day 2021 - 17 June 2021, Tadley Eco Festival, The Green, Tadley? B&D BC Green Week Sept?

JP	Jo Page (Chair TTC)	JS	Jo Slimin (Cllr.)	NB	Nicki Barry (town clerk)	TTC	Tadley Town Council
KC	Kerry Carruthers (Borough Cllr.)	TF	Tony Flahive (Cllr.)	WL	Warwick Lovegrove (Borough Cllr.)	RS	Robert Sharpe (Evergreen)
SM	Susan Mullen (Cllr.)	FM	Francesca Meloni	MB	Mark Beauchamp	RM	Richard Musson

CW	Cat Wilde	KH	Kristina Hook	RH	Rev. Richard Harlow	SH	Stephen Hodgson (Citizens Advice)
MR	Matt Russell (Baughurst Cllr.)	MT	Martin Toovey	RC	Richard Charlick (Cllr.)	SP	Sheila Peacock
VJ	Vicky Jones (Ecosentials)	CS	Charity Smith	BL	Ben Lenton	AB	Avril Burdett (Cllr)
MB	Mike Bound (Borough Cllr)						