

		Tadley Environmental Group Minutes Monday 12th July 2021 7.30 Recorded on Zoom
1		Welcome & Introductions. Chaired by JS. Introduce new members: Alan Haseldon. Attendees: AB, CM, CS, JS, KC, MB, RH, TF, WL
2		Apologies: Sheila Peacock, Martin Toovey, Valerie Witton, Stephen Hodgson
3		Matters arising from 6 th meeting minutes (30 th March 2021) Litter picking done in June, JS, TF and TFs wife Maureen, picture put on Facebook, good feedback, met people, good PR exercise. JS gave a presentation to Tadley & Pamber Beavers who also did a litter collection following that. AB: feedback from No Mow May absolutely brilliant, only one negative comment from person who didn't know about NMM. JS persuaded people at Barlow's Park (although in West Berks) to leave areas uncut. Borough also doing NMM and Hampshire verges
4		Reports from Action/Project owners
	a	JS (TEG Vice Chair): Engagement Plan (Stakeholders List), Clean Air Zone banners, Calleva Community Energy. Engagement stakeholder list to be put on Google docs, to be updated with new people and sent to TF to check and put on G Docs. No other updates.
	b	CS, BL, KP: Social Media Accounts (Facebook, WhatsApp), TEG re-branding All: Discuss updates for Case Studies, Tadley Tree Trail and Art Competition, No Mo May next year CS: Social media accounts going really well, have followers in FB. KB is drawing up case studies, everyone should have received email to supply info to KB about previous projects that subgroups are working on so that we can push that out on SM to get community involved and keep them up-to-date on important things in Tadley and TEG. A reminder about WhatsApp group, members always welcome at any point. Would be nice to hear from subgroups. Art competition went really well, had submissions from pre school, Tree trail also went well, people saw it on SM (social media) so we did get some engagement, nice to see young people get involved and a lot came back with environmentally friendly super powers? CM: are we keeping the tree trail live?, info given to dog walkers, any feedback? CS: unfortunately a lot of people didn't feedback, despite a lot of work going into it, should keep open, will take Facts down from trees and maybe put online. AB: another story for 2 months' time, TCC getting 3 baby cows for the common, currently being weaned. Could speak to Sue Mullan (chair of Turbary) about this, photo op? JS: consider NMM again for next year. TF: Thanks to CS, KP and CM for all their hard work on this. CM: in contact with friends hadn't seen for 2 years, first thing they said was how are the trees? a lot of hard work. CS: our SM has teamed up with (SS) Sustainable Silchester SM, everything promoted by TEG also promoted by SS. Brings people together from Tadley, Silchester, Pamber and Baughurst. JS: TF & JS had a meeting with SS RH: could link be put on TTC website for SM to help direct people directly? TF to liaise with TTC and Charity to arrange this
	c	KC, SM, FM, TF: Air Monitoring, B&D BC Climate Change, Waste KC: has been attending several meetings and climate change/environment running strongly through everything discussed. One meeting discussed potential for a big solar park, no other details about this. Lots happening. Had meeting where cabinet members talked about their portfolios. Mark Ruffell, cabinet member for The Natural Environment and CC, gave a talk about the local plan and how we need to look at new buildings. Asked question; should we really be improving our roads as actually need to get people off the roads, so should think about alternatives. Local Plan has to contain things like sustainability, biodiversity. KC on EPH (Economic, Planning & Housing) so involved in local plan. KC also involved in Green Infrastructure Strategy. KC attending meeting of Climate Change MAP (Members All Party Group) to develop community toolkit, once compiled looking to other groups who already exist, to signpost/guide residents in what is being done. KC attended meeting of Basingstoke Transition Network who tell councillors what they can be doing, they gave good presentations and speeches and KC suggested that they come to talk to TEG. [post meeting note: SP is a member of BTN and would be willing to talk to us about their work]. On a local level at beginning of local plan meetings Tadley comes under development pressure, good for TEG to be aware of, priority to protect green spaces. Borough had event where Energy Saving Trust talked to B&D employees in lunch hour and talked about electric vehicles, and companies to offer incentives and payment schemes. Encouraging staff going to go on average to 2 day week. Have replaced a number of fleet vehicles with electric vehicles. B&D didn't

	<p>support NMM as needed to do study to decide where would be suitable which would take time but have done biodiversity study in Hatch Warren has gone really well, put pressure on them to expand and KC has had discussion with them for Tadley to be included in future studies.</p> <p>AB: had meeting with AWE which although over the border does have impact on us. Smarter working strategy: where possible staff to work 2 days week and do training from home which will cut down on traffic through Tadley. AWE demolishing huge facility in centre site, nibbling it down, and have set target of 95% materials to be recycled, currently achieving 98%. All concrete staying onsite and being crushed for roads and buildings. All metals recycled including some tanks going to local farmers for grain storage. Noise levels are only just perceptible on site. AB has noticed with NMM that wild orchids in Tadley where not seen before. JS: Also in Barlows Park. JS to KC: no longer able to use Waste facilities in Newbury West Berks? And hours for Wade Road recycling to be changed?</p> <p>KC: confirmed not able to use these WB facilities and B&D did try hard. Hours of opening at Wade Road to be checked, sticking with booking system. JS: may get more fly tipping and people in rural areas complaining and being affected by fly tipping.</p> <p>WL: environmental issue at Bishopswood stream with large chair dumped and still there and will encourage others to dump there. CM: had reported it and also reported overgrown channel which will stop flow. WL: attended while workers pull out wild parsley/vegetation – about ¼ ton, took them hours.</p> <p>TF: New member Alan Haseldon has joined meeting.</p>	
d	<p>WL, MT, CS, CM BL: Tree Planting & Green Infrastructure</p> <p>All: Discuss removal of mature trees in Tadley. Save Guttridge Lane Oak petition, Mapping of Mature trees in Tadley</p> <p>CM: trees corner of Mount Pleasant and Guttridge Lane on private land and nothing we can do as now taken down. Wondered whether full process was gone through. Trees were amenity to neighbourhood and there for 100 years or so.</p> <p>AB: Tadley has a lot of vulnerable trees. We need a survey and TPOs put on as many as we can that are desirable to protect.</p> <p>CM: after New Road Oak tree campaign planned to map trees but after 3 weeks realised that it was a massive task. CM put application for TPOs on trees at Southdown Road (back of the Copse), mix of hazel, holly, hawthorn, ash, seems like an ancient hedgerow. Encourage people to apply for TPO and not assume that trees are already covered, can be a pain to fill out form e.g. requires a grid reference</p> <p>JS: AH asked about tree that was saved before at New Road, Pinehurst – consider for TPO?</p> <p>CM: as already identified as problem with subsidence and legal process therefore may be a problem in applying for TPO. When planning applications submitted we should consider how close trees are or possible issues. AB: could we put link to TPO form on TTC website? TF to arrange</p> <p>WL: resident could not sell house as problem with trees were cut down and alternative trees planted. Try and be one step ahead of developers and get TPOs. Certain varieties of trees don't warrant TPOs and hundreds and thousands of trees in the borough – too many for staff to deal with.</p> <p>WL had tried to get free apple trees but already gone.</p> <p>RH: is it correct that all trees in conservation area automatically protected? and if so to save effort can they be protected by one set of legislation as in a conservation area, to enable us to focus outside these areas. Confirmed yes by KC, automatic protection for conservation areas. KC: resident planted tree in conservation area and subsequently wanted to replace it but still has to seek permission to do so.</p> <p>CM: B&D have map web site where there are layers to show individual trees or areas</p> <p>JS: the oaks down Guttridge Lane are fantastic and beautiful so well done for trying to protect them</p> <p>CM: up to 434 on petition so far. TF to arrange link to be put on TTC website</p> <p>AB: can put TPO on a group of trees unspecified</p>	
e	<p>RH, MB, RM, JS: Cycling & Walking</p> <p>All: outcome of LCWIP (Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plans) meeting 8th June</p> <p>MB: attended the LCWIP workshop organised by a senior transport officer from HCC in June. This was one of two (or maybe three, a third was being considered) meetings. At my meeting there were 26 participants which consisted of Basingstoke councillors, council officers, cyclists and walkers. The meeting was hosted by Sam Maloney from Sustrans who is the consultant for this project hired to help implement the LCWIP.</p> <p>The LCWIP is set to be completed by Dec.2021 and then will go out for consultation in 2022.</p> <p>In 2017 the Government launched a cycling and walking investment strategy and has offered £20 billion to local authorities for cycling and walking. If a local authority has a LCWIP then it is better placed to receive a grant.</p>	

	<p>We were divided into area groups based on where in the borough we lived and were given the opportunity to say where we would like to see cycling and walking routes and walking zones. Basingstoke Council will choose 8 cycling routes, 8 walking routes and three walking zones based on such factors as demand, cost and safety.</p> <p>There is going to be another workshop in Sept./Oct. time when the Council will tell us what progress they have made. By then council will have decide which routes to go for.</p> <p>JS: SP and JS also attended. JS hopeful that positive input, talked about getting from Tadley to Basingstoke by means other than cars. Very positive meeting – came away with hope. Many years ago Sustrans did work in Basingstoke town and delivered a lot. Next stage rural areas. Summary will be issued in due course.</p>
f	<p>VW: To discuss Designated Quiet roads and lanes – not discussed, VW not able to attend</p>
g	<p>ALL: To discuss TTC declaring a Climate Emergency, CE Strategy and Action Plan</p> <p>On agenda for next Full Council meeting to be held in person on 19th July, 7.30pm.</p> <p>Two draft documents have been issued to TEG members, Strategy and Action Plan, which if agreed will be discussed by a working party of TTC members for approval at a future Full Council meeting.</p> <p>AB: suggests formally declaring CE at Treacle Fair in Sept. Agreed a good idea.</p>
h	<p>KH, SM, FM, KC, RH, RC: Recycling</p> <p>KC: had a meeting with Hayley Eachus portfolio holder for waste (Cabinet Member for Environment & Enforcement). Recent article about recycled waste turning up in Turkey and other places. No market for it in UK. Need to look at food waste and try to enhance what we can recycle. Asked Hayley about how we recycle, what we recycle, people have good intentions and drive to recycling centres but very likely that that waste is not being recycled, needs to increase awareness and messaging around this. Hayley does presentations on waste, could talk to TEG. A lot of people not recycling in green bins where they could recycle.</p> <p>JS: Sainsbury was open for recycling – very clean and tidy. If Sainsbury was shut for recycling nowhere else to go.</p> <p>KC: difficult as facility is not provided by the borough. Reason for barrier is that Sainsbury wanted to stop fly tipping. Vans would pull up and unload unseen. With barriers it looks like it is closed but in fact it is not. Residents have said to KC that there is no room in some of the bins but as far as she is aware there is nothing there that cannot be put in home recycling bins. Cardboard packaging for instance, can be put next to bin for collection at home. Wonders if people are aware. Can order green bins free of charge.</p> <p>RH: On food waste in the past some councils would subsidise home composting (plastic in past – more friendly type would be beneficial) and campaign for this might be better use of taxpayers money</p> <p>JS: talking more about cooked food waste which would need to be treated in proper facility. Other councils do that which saves going into landfill. Main thing is not to waste food or buy things that are not going to be used. Costs thousands every year.</p> <p>CM: food waste contains pathogens and other nasties that need to be anaerobically digested</p> <p>MB: Goes to Sainsburys in evening and barriers looked closed off and always looks overfull. He thinks that as soon as bins fill up and people start putting things on the ground, they close off the area, haven't got capacity. Fewer bins than before.</p>
i	<p>FM, RC, TF, JS: Litter picking</p> <p>KP: Littering signs (not at meeting)</p> <p>TF: KP had contacted TTC about putting up signs and was asked to refer to TEG.</p> <p>JS: signs were put up in Tadley and other places.</p> <p>AB: were yellow signs put up at Church Road area and may be the ones that KP may be referring to.</p> <p>JS: will have a look at signs put up by council although when on litter pick had problems finding areas to collect as some residents collecting litter on own initiative.</p> <p>CM: seems to be children's play areas and Wigmore Heath. Park behind swimming pool bad this morning and around exercise equipment (arranged in pattern) which was reported.</p> <p>JS: TTC staff do check these areas. Try to encourage young people at skateboard park etc to clear their rubbish.</p>
j	<p>TF: Web site Updates, B&D BC Liaison Meetings</p> <p>TF: attends these meetings with representatives from other local councils (Overton, Silchester, Pamber etc.)</p>
k	<p>TF: Future of Energy and Electric Vehicles</p> <p>Electric cars</p>

	<p>Great things happening in the world of transport. People wanting to buy electric cars concerned about range anxiety and charging anxiety, but the future is looking good. Gridserve have recently opened (Dec 2020) a new type of charging facility at Braintree in Essex, Gridserve Electric Highway which provides a new experience for EV owners that has 36 mostly fast and rapid chargers that can charge up to 350 kW (future proofing as few cars can accept this at present). Charging is much easier as well as RFID cards, smart phone apps not required, just present credit/debit card tap and pay for payment (contactless). Gridserve plan to install 100 of these facilities over the next 5 years. They are also upgrading the motorway service areas from the old Ecotricity charge points (they were the pioneers in this but are now outdated and have many problems) to provide the new charging points by end of September 2021. Energy from all these chargepoints will be net zero carbon from renewable sources.</p> <p>House of the Future: We are nearly there with solar panels connected to battery storage any surplus energy can be returned to the grid (currently happening) but this will be better managed in the future as software will be able to look at the whole system within the home including down to individual items such as washing machines and electric car charging and decide when any surplus energy can be returned to the grid known as V2G (Vehicle to Grid). EVs, which already have much larger batteries than home storage batteries, (up to 100kwh at present), will be able to charge up using renewable energy from solar panels or when there may be surplus energy from the grid and then supply that energy back to the grid at times of high demand. Called balancing the grid, this will help to reduce the strain on the grid at peak times and therefore reduce the cost of new infrastructure which we all have to pay for.</p>	
5	<p>All: Other Suggestions/Volunteers for Actions/Projects</p> <p>CM: does TTC have any plans to replace their vehicle with an electric vehicle. AB: planning to look at this next year. WL: present vehicle have not had very long (when purchased suitable electric vehicles were not available). KC: this type of vehicle not so advanced compared with other types (cars). Borough considering electric waste vehicles</p>	
6	Next TEG Meeting: After Treacle Fair in Sept.	
	Future Events:	
	<p>Lions Treacle Fair Sept 5th 2021, No change to website (checked today 12 July), still awaiting license confirmation). If it goes ahead then TEG will have a stand.</p> <p>JS: will need help setting up gazebo. Separate working party to meet before the event.</p>	

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JS	Cllr. Jo Slimin Vice Chair TEG	KC	Cllr. Kerry Carruthers (Borough)	KH	Kristina Hook	KP	Kaitlyn Pibernik
MB	Mark Beauchamp	MB (2)	Cllr. Mike Bound	MR	Cllr. Matt Russell (Baughurst)	MT	Martin Toovey
NB	Nicki Barry (town clerk)	RC	Richard Charlick	RH	Rev. Richard Harlow	RM	Richard Musson
RS	Robert Sharpe (Evergreen)	TF	Cllr. Tony Flahive Chair TEG	TTC	Tadley Town Council	SH	Stephen Hodgson (Sustainable Silchester)
SM	Cllr. Susan Mullen	SP	Sheila Peacock	S R-D	Stephanie Rachmann-Davies	VJ	Vicky Jones (Ecosentials)
VW	Cllr. Valerie Witton	WL	Cllr. Warwick Lovegrove				