

		Tadley Environmental Group Minutes Tuesday 5th Oct 2021 7.30 (in person at council office Franklin Avenue Tadley)
1		Welcome & Introductions. Session being recorded Introduce new members: Jane Ford, Alan Haselden (Ria Meiszner & Kerry Morrow not in attendance) Aim to end by 9 pm. Future meetings to be in hybrid form. TTC is looking into this. Attendees: Jane Ford, AB, TF, WL, JS, Alan Haselden
2		Apologies: Sheila Peacock, Mark Beauchamp, Richard Harlow, Stephen Hodgson, Ria Meiszner, Kerry Morrow, Charity Smith, Kerri Carruthers
3		Matters arising from 7 th meeting minutes (12 th July 2021, on Zoom) Minutes agreed JS: Stand at treacle fair questionnaire results; How important is Climate Change to you? 15 responses What is currently preventing you from being more environmentally friendly? Majority didn't know how to. How important do you think it is that local councils should lead by example and take action on climate change by declaring a climate emergency and producing a climate change action plan? 10 extremely important. How do you think the Tadley Town council can best support communities to tackle climate change and increase sustainable activity in the Town? Most ticked all boxes Only one who filled in questionnaire not a Tadley resident [more details about this questionnaire can be obtained from JS]
4		Reports from Action/Project owners
	a	JS (TEG Vice Chair): Engagement Plan (Stakeholders List), Clean Air Zone banners, Calleva Community Stakeholders List: setting up Google Docs CC Energy still working on solar farm Clean Air Zone banners Still available £60 each, AB: have we seen signs at Aldermaston wharf, Cough Cough switch off – metal sign, look locally for signs Action: JS to chase 3 schools and consider possible Turbary grant and maybe design our own
	b	CS, BL, KP: Social Media Accounts (Facebook, WhatsApp) No discussion on this
	c	KC, SM, FM, TF: Air Monitoring, B&D BC Climate Change, Waste TF: County Council takes steps to expand Hampshire's recycling capability Hampshire County Council has agreed to commission Veolia UK to prepare and submit a planning application seeking permission to develop a new materials recovery facility in Eastleigh, at Chickenhall Lane The proposed development of new recycling infrastructure in Hampshire will enable the county's waste collection and disposal authorities (district, borough, county and unitary councils) to meet potential future legislative requirements and recycle materials that current facilities are unable to, including plastic pots, tubs and trays, glass and cartons. The County Council's Deputy Leader and Executive Lead Member for Economy, Transport and Environment, Councillor Rob Humby, said: "This will be an important development for the entire county, providing the ability to significantly increase the recycling capability for the whole of Hampshire. The existing two facilities, in Alton and Portsmouth, were designed and built 20 years ago to deal with a set specification that reflected the materials used at that time - plastic bottles, steel and aluminium cans, paper and cardboard. Since then there has been huge changes in retail and consumer behaviour and the significant renovation of the facilities that would be needed to increase their scope is neither physically viable, nor cost effective. "The new facility would enable a wider range of dry mixed recyclables, collected at the kerbside, to be processed - sorting them into the constituent materials ahead of distribution to market and ensure that Hampshire's waste authorities continue to operate in line with Government expectations and legislation." The application will be funded by Hampshire County, Portsmouth City and Southampton City Councils who jointly provide and oversee the waste processing and disposal infrastructure to deal with the waste from all three authority areas.

	<p>JS: dismissed having local waste facility and have to pay £7 to use West Berks facilities and can use Wade Road several times a week now</p> <p>JF: dumping attracts rats, non-waste items also dumped</p> <p>WL: private company who take certain waste</p> <p>List of recycling options on TTC website</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>Warwick struggling with this hard to do blanket cover so many trees</p> <p>Can plant trees season November. Where TTC has land A340 can buy mature trees but not easy to plant Hard to put TPOs on trees JS: Woodland Trust provide trees WL: Yes, but small</p> <p>AB: consider areas where willow trees can be planted</p> <p>Willows good for drainage but can damage infrastructure but needs maintenance</p> <p>JF: larger trees planted New road Ramsdell close and Farringdon Way area</p> <p>Source trees e.g. Elm Park, Wolverton Park, how much?</p> <p>JS: TTC organising Dix Hill wild flowers and footpath by Golf Course at A340 in future and The Parade Cherry trees replaced</p> <p>AB: Planning application to cut down very mature fir tree at corner of Brackenwood JS was only person who objected but application turned down (1 person all it needs)</p> <p>TF: Look at planning applications 2 dwellings at 24 Honeybottom Road has been discussed at TTC recent planning meeting, accessed via Turbary Gardens.</p> <p>JS: some trees removed through insurance process</p>	
e	<p>RH, MB, RM, JS: Cycling & Walking</p> <p>All: outcome of LCWIP (Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plans)</p> <p>Are expecting outcome in autumn</p> <p>Mark did attend meeting but still waiting for outcome due in Autumn</p> <p>JS attended consultation exercise, support from Whitchurch and Overton</p>	
f	<p>All: To discuss TTC declaring a Climate Emergency, CE Strategy and Action Plan</p> <p>TTC has declared CE and produced a CE Strategy, on website, now working on Action Plan which JS is working on. Possible Working group dates 18 oct /22nd Nov. JS her son Adam who is an environmental consultant has looked at AP and made some comments. Need to measure where we are now and may need to have expert advice on this (cost involved about £60 an hour) environmental assessment may be produced for free. Action Plan draft to be re-sent to TEG members (TF)</p> <p>WL: work that TTC do is different from TEG and runs in parallel but can't see how both work</p> <p>AB: TEG has power to say we want feed off each other TEG much freer ideas coming forward from TEG and working well. Sees no conflict in fact symbiotic</p> <p>AB: Media Plan required – important to engage residents, make it easier for them and get businesses on board also. JS: this is on Action Plan</p> <p>AB: will not be part of AP working party as wishes to remain independent so that she can provide constructive comments</p>	
	<p>B&DBC Motion to declare an Ecological Emergency 14th Oct. (see Dasgupta Review) – see appendix 1 for actual motion</p> <p>Motion to Declare an Ecological Emergency Council notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The recent Dasgupta Review on the Economics of Biodiversity confirms that our societies and economies are embedded within nature and are not external to it. 2. Humanity and the economy depend on the services that nature provides. For example, the natural world is essential for the provision of food (with soil and pollinators having a vital role), clean water, fresh air, medicines, and protection from extreme weather, as well as being our source of energy and raw materials. People also derive a sense of wellbeing from a healthy natural environment. 3. Yet the State of Nature 2019 highlighted the critical decline in biodiversity in the UK. 15% of UK species are classified as threatened with extinction and 2% are already extinct 	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. The Environment Bill will require the introduction of a Local Nature Recovery Strategy and Nature Recovery Networks as an aid to planning. 5. Councils of all colours are already declaring an ecological or biodiversity emergency or acting accordingly. These include: Bath & North East Somerset; Bournemouth; Brent; Brighton & Hove; Cambridgeshire; Ealing; Winchester; and Windsor & Maidenhead. 	

g	KH, SM, FM, KC, RH, RC: Recycling – discussed at item 4c	
h	FM, RC, TF, JS: Litter picking – no further developments	
i	TF, RS: Future Electric Vehicle Charging, Energy Info – see item 4k	
j	TF: Web site Updates, B&D BC Liaison Meetings – latest liaison meeting not attended but notes will be available	
k	<p>TF: Future of Energy</p> <p>The Earthshot Prize (an award designed to encourage scientists to find solutions to the planet’s environmental challenge): New series of 5, Prince William & David Attenborough explore 5 missions. BBC 1 6.05 Sundays. 1st mission; protect and restore nature.</p> <p>The first-ever Earthshot Prize awards ceremony will take place on October 17, 2021, at the iconic Alexandra Palace in London.</p> <p>Broadcast to a global audience via discovery+ and BBC One in the UK, the awards ceremony will celebrate the global Finalists before awarding the first five Winners of The Earthshot Prize. These top five solutions will have the greatest impact on the biggest environmental challenges facing our planet and the Winners will each receive £1 million to scale their solutions. Every year from 2021 until 2030, The Earthshot Prize will find and reward solutions to the five ‘Earthshot’ goals, to protect and restore nature, revive our oceans, to clean our air, build a waste-free world and fix our climate. Prize winners will each receive a £1 million prize fund and tailored support to scale their solutions and realise an even greater impact of their ground-breaking work.</p> <p>An awards ceremony will take place in different cities across the world each year between 2021 and 2030 to award five winners The Earthshot Prize. Five, one million-pound prizes will be awarded each year for the next 10 years, providing at least 50 solutions to the world’s greatest environmental problems by 2030.</p> <p>RESTOR: Only a fraction of nature restoration projects has lasting impact. Small teams, working alone, lack the data, monitoring tools and resource-sharing needed to succeed. As a result, small-scale efforts can feel futile in the face of global ecological crisis. Dr. Thomas Crowther, founder of Restor, wants that to change.</p> <p>A free online platform for the restoration movement, Restor is like a Google Maps for nature. It connects practitioners with ecological data and builds networks between activists, funders and the public. For the first time, major scientific datasets are at the fingertips of conservationists, helping local knowledge fuel global change.</p> <p>Since launching this year, Restor has connected over more than 50,000 restoration sites worldwide. And it is free for anyone to sign up. Winning The Earthshot Prize will help Restor transform how we protect and repair the planet. And together, thousands of local actions can become a global movement.</p> <p>The Dasgupta Review is an independent, global review on the Economics of Biodiversity led by Professor Sir Partha Dasgupta (Frank Ramsey Professor Emeritus, University of Cambridge). The Review was commissioned in 2019 by HM Treasury and has been supported by an Advisory Panel drawn from public policy, science, economics, finance and business.</p> <p>The Review calls for changes in how we think, act and measure economic success to protect and enhance our prosperity and the natural world. Grounded in a deep understanding of ecosystem processes and how they are affected by economic activity, the new framework presented by the Review sets out how we should account for Nature in economics and decision-making.</p> <p>The Economics of Biodiversity – The Dasgupta Review (610 pages, or Abridged version 103 pages or Headline messages 10 pages)</p>	
5	<p>All: Other Suggestions/Volunteers for Actions/Projects (see below)</p> <p>Basingstoke Transition Network: Extract from their website:</p> <p>People across Basingstoke have come together to form Basingstoke Transition. We support community-led responses to climate change and shrinking supplies of fossil fuels; and building local resilience and well-being.</p> <p>We have been working on the issues we think are most relevant to Basingstoke’s Transition. Nine key themes emerged and each aims to improve the way we live in the Borough. These themes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making better use of all our local resources – people, materials and food. • Reducing consumption of “stuff” and reducing waste through increased re-use and recycling. • Encouraging local production of Renewable Energy. • Reducing our Carbon Emissions. • Protecting our bio-diversity. 	

- Cleaning up the River Loddon.
- Dealing with Fuel Poverty.
- Building Sustainable Housing for our children.
- Promoting wiser Council Investment of our money.

Basingstoke Transition Network is helping our community to move towards a [post fossil fuel economy](#) where we rely more on locally produced goods and services (especially energy). We provide [reliable advice from trusted sources](#) on issues as wide as renewable energy and growing our own food to building a strong, resilient local economy. They are raising awareness of the benefits of using renewable energy, local produce and local skills for our local community.

BTN have produced a very useful document (available on their website) the Manydown Standard on planning; Integrated mixed-use neighbourhoods, Transport, Housing types, Contemporary sustainable design, Green space and biodiversity, Community etc.

Alan Haselden: aims to attend TEG meetings when possible and could act as an intermediary between the AWE Environment Team and TEG, if it's thought the Team could help TEG in a practical way. AH to follow this up.

6	Next TEG Meeting - tba
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AB	Cllr. Avril Burdett (Chair TTC)	BL	Ben Lenton	CM	Carol Monaghan	CS	Charity Smith
CW	Cat Wilde	DG	Deborah Garrard	FM	Francesca Meloni	AH	Alan Haselden
JS	Cllr. Jo Slimin (Vice Chair TEG)	KC	Cllr. Kerry Carruthers (Borough Cllr.)	KH	Kristina Hook	KP	Kaitlyn Pibernik
MB	Mark Beauchamp	MB (2)	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 (Silchester)	VJ	Vicky Jones (Ecosentials)
VW	Cllr. Valerie Witton	WL	Cllr. Warwick Lovegrove	JF	Jane Ford		

Appendix 1

Motion: B&DBC Ecological Emergency declaration 14th Oct 2021

Council resolves to:

1. Declare an Ecological Emergency.
2. Maximise co-benefits from addressing Climate and Ecological Emergencies.
3. Add ecological implications alongside those for climate and sustainability in Committee and Council reports, and embed ecological initiatives within all council work areas, including COVID recovery projects and programmes.
4. Work with local communities, county, regional and national partners to promote landscape and habitat protection, restoration, expansion and connectivity, while devolving greater responsibility to genuinely-empowered community groups.
5. Work with stakeholders to provide everyone, and especially children, with opportunities for learning about and reconnecting with nature.
6. Ensure the Ecological (and Climate) Emergencies are strategic priorities for land use planning, planning policies and design guides, and protecting areas for habitat restoration and biodiversity gain. Seek to incorporate biodiversity, nature recovery networks, green and blue infrastructure and ecosystems services into the Local Plan, Neighbourhood Plans and other initiatives.
7. Create a register of natural assets and estimate the ecosystem services derived from those assets.
8. Provide funding to allow for the creation of an Ecological Emergency action plan and annual progress report, which is then reported and scrutinised by Full Council and any relevant Committees.