

		<b>TEG Draft Minutes</b>	
		<b>Tadley Environmental Group Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 7.30</b> On Zoom (Recorded)	
1		Welcome & Introductions. Introduced new member: Ady Dagnell, Attendees: AB, CM, AH, JS, KC, MB, RM(2), KM, AD, TF, SH, SP (1 <sup>st</sup> 15 minutes only), WL, NB (part)	
2		Apologies: RH	
3		Matters arising from 8 <sup>th</sup> meeting minutes (5 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2021) – no matters arising, accepted as true record.	
		Sheila Peacock: Local Plan Update; SP on behalf of Basingstoke Transition Network attended the B&D BC EPH committee meeting last week – see her report Appendix 1 below JS also attended and due to internet issues her report was read by the chair of EPH (Economy, Planning & Housing). Referenced also the water cycle study as Basingstoke is a water stressed area, and having extra houses in our area would put a strain on this and a lot of people have raised issues, TTC has also commented on infrastructure and sewage (under extreme pressure), the Kennet is under pressure (15% increase in houses discussed). We are now considered with the whole area of Tadley with the built-up areas of Pamber Heath and Baughurst. JS has not spoken to those councils. Waiting list and shortfall of affordable houses (2400) so concerns were raised and comments made by TTC can be seen on that website under planning. Before it was going to be zero, started off as 1,010 went down to 955 in the process. We can't move North, West nor East so that just leaves the South (few smaller sites in centre of Tadley). AWE emergency plan opposes new housing although overturned by appeal so got 130 houses in last tranche. New consultation planned.	
4		<b>Reports from Action/Project owners</b>	
	a	JS (TEG Vice Chair): <b>Engagement Plan (Stakeholders List), Clean Air Zone banners, Calleva Community Energy</b> : TS was hoping to put Engagement Plan on google docs but this is not yet set up. Some info confidential. Status of Google docs not known as no one present from social media. JS Had conversation with Nicki about banners, before Christmas judged as not the right time to contact the schools due to covid issues but will be done and will also look at providing/designing our own banners. Calleva Community Energy has put in planning application for solar farm at Enborne, on charity land, to provide energy for the community and also possible an EV charging station that might be built close by. Any monies could go towards energy saving scheme locally. MB: what involvement does Tadley have? JS: Scheme through CCE (JS is a director) based at Calleva Park, any monies would be ploughed back into local community.	
	b	CS, BL, KP: <b>Social Media Accounts</b> (Facebook, WhatsApp) Not discussed (no members present)	
	c	KC, SM, FM, TF: <b>Air Monitoring, B&amp;D BC Climate Change, Waste</b> KC: Air quality no updates. Waste, not increasing what we can recycle, down to infrastructure and what can be put in place further up. Green waste not being collected due to covid and staffing issues. Could cause problems with people putting green waste into grey bins. KC is a member of the EPH committee referred to by SP. Happy to answer any questions about the Local Plan update. At an early stage of discussing a solar park at Sherborne St John. Problems of solar parks a lot of nimbyism as they are not pretty and people don't personally get any advantage from them. Looking at how they can work with residents on this. MB: Is garden waste being collected anywhere? KC: frustrating but has been suspended again as haven't got the crew and is not being collected anywhere. Not known when it will resume. CM: Not sure if anyone from Green group on FB here but various small scale points for recycling e.g. drop off point at Burnham Copse school and raises funds for them. Group on FB confirmed that TerraCycle at BCPS Tadley things such as coffee pods, crisp wrappers etc can be dropped off at Burnham Copse school. Check with group what can be recycled WL: Hanger Road location for recycling Christmas trees.  <b>B&amp;D Ecological Emergency update – see Appendix 2</b> TF: B&DBC Ecological Emergency was declared 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct last year. Work to address this led by dedicated <b>Natural Environment team</b> , building on existing work, such as the <b>Green Infrastructure Strategy</b> and identifying any gaps. They are also talking about the linkages and how to address the two together.	
	d	WL, MT, CS, CM BL: <b>Tree Planting &amp; Green Infrastructure Developments since last meeting.</b>	

	<p>WL: Planning to plant trees and bushes in ad around Tadley and had request to plant some on The Green. Meeting held on Green with TF, WL and VW. Plan drawn up and letters sent to local residents - see Appendix 3 for replies. Concern about Hawthorne hedge and height of hedge. Smaller hedge to be put in a crescent shape in South West corner</p> <p>SM provided 14 horse chestnut trees. He has manure and wood chippings and stakes. Hedge plants ordered from Wolverton nursery and also Rowan £41, and Japanese cherry. Now needs volunteers to help plant trees, provisionally planning this Saturday subject to ground (frost) conditions. Could replace Ash tree at Whitedown Road same time. WL also has small silver birch trees – open to ideas for location.</p> <p>CM: donated bulbs, vicar amenable to planting around St Mary’s church</p> <p>AB: Ref; complaining about hedges in South West corner, we need to make sure of our facts before any planting (see Appendix 3) from any objections.</p> <p>WL: plan to plant in crescent formation about 5 feet high, 4ft thick.</p> <p>KC: WL to send her email and she could volunteer her help if available. Area discussed is where older kids congregate – need to make sure protection for trees</p> <p>JS: Family who provided the bench – are they happy to have anything planted nearby?</p> <p>WB: letter sent but no response from that family</p> <p>JS concerned about planting when heavy frost</p> <p>CM: consider involving school as if they have ownership less likely to cause damage and good way of involving the next generation</p> <p><b>Every household in Wales will be given a free tree to plant</b> as part of the Welsh Government’s commitment to tackle climate change 6/12/21. This was raised at the TTC Full Council meeting on 4/01/22 and now referred to TEG for discussion.</p> <p>AB: The intention was to consider supplying residents with any surplus trees to put in their gardens</p> <p>TF: Life_Lofts (Tadley Company) are looking for an area in Tadley to clear, provide and plant trees. Ryan Wakor from Life_Lofts has been in contact with Woodlands Trust. If there is an area that requires clearance, they are happy to support and help clear in order for the new trees to be planted.</p> <p>WL to organise this with TEG members</p> <p>WL: tree planting season ends beginning of March. Smaller trees need more care whereas larger trees can take care of themselves.</p>	
e	<p>RH, MB, RM, JS: <b>Cycling &amp; Walking</b></p> <p>All: outcome of LCWIP (Local Cycling &amp; Walking Infrastructure Plans)</p> <p>JS: date of consultation 11/11/21 but meeting went on for some time and by the time the relevant discussion took place JS had to leave for another meeting. Some suggestions for Tadley. Potential for cycle way from Tadley to Basingstoke proposed. Walking, Sustrans considering Tadley North only. Asked on a number of occasions to improve pathway from Pamber Heath to Tadley not mentioned. And making road safer to cross. Traffic also lights at Franklyn Avenue and other crossing points e.g. Sainsbury, Burnham Copse school, New Road crossing and main road at Rowan Road junction</p> <p>MB: my email contains all routes looking at. From Barclays bank to hospital but not complete cycleway?</p> <p>JS: asked the question specifically was it a continuous route and they said yes. MB: must be off road sections then where pavement is not wide enough. Sherbourne St John is an awkward route. Could take 10 years to implement.</p> <p>JS: did ask if simpler things could be done sooner rather than later.</p> <p>MB: Tadley to Basingstoke is Primary route, was secondary route discussed?</p> <p>TF: Extract from HCC Cllr Derek Mellor: “The Cycling and Walking Programmes are gradually being confirmed and introduced. There was a good response on the surveys sent to all the schools in Tadley. However, the pathways devised along with the consultant linking e.g. Bishopswood/Wigmore via Shyshack, across Heath End and through Woodlands to the Hurst now looks unlikely as it would cost £1M to upgrade. Still in discussion with the consultants, Atkins and HCC Transport, to devise some schemes to complement the main routes into Basingstoke. Govt funding contribution is behind the scheme”</p> <p>JS: This is a totally different project through HCC. Area being discussed is Sustrans based on the Rural Area (other area is the town – Basingstoke)</p> <p>AB: is there any we can look at cycle routes in Tadley where riders can get from North to South and East to West in safest possible way away from A340 e.g. kids going to school and AWE workers if could find some side routes would help.</p> <p>MB: we can look at that. Parked car on pavements cause problems</p>	

	<p>KC: route through roundabout South alley not far from entrance to the Green pavement particularly narrow, think about crossing at New Road going through estate. Already routes that people are using, could there be way of marking these up? Heard about Cycle Bus (groups cycling together), a nice idea that could be considered for schools. Not comfortable about youngsters cycling to school. See Appendix 3</p>
f	<p><b>ALL: To discuss TTC Climate Emergency, CE Strategy and Action Plan</b>  <b>JS:</b> We have had two meetings to discuss the Action Plan and will be having another in February. People have been designated to lead on particular aspects of the plan. Looking for help on this and hopefully engagement with the public this year.</p>
h	<p>FM, RC, TF, JS: <b>Litter picking</b>  During 2022 Tadley United Reformed church will be taking one Sunday a month out to do an “alternative” form of worship. The plan is to use one Sunday to do a local litter pick for a couple of hours. There are usually about 6 to 10 members. The date set for this is Sunday <b>20th Feb</b> around 10/10:30am. Suitable locations to be identified nearer the time. TEG members also invited to join in.  <b>JS:</b> to look at National Litter week</p>
i	<p>TF, RS: Future Electric Vehicle Charging, Energy Info:  <b>To discuss ORCS scheme (On-street Residential Chargepoint Scheme)</b>  Approach made last year to HCC through ORCS to install an on-street ev charger in Tadley for a resident who owns his own flat but does not have off-road access to a car charger. This was turned down on the grounds that nearby garages would be considered by ORCS to be off-street parking. It was also thought that this would not be the best value for money. Referred to HCC Cllr. Derek Mellor who is looking into it. Further advice also sought from Energy Saving Trust who were given details about our application and they consider that this should be accepted by ORCS. Referred back to HCC and we currently await their response.  <b>AD:</b> Home owner with flat, reached out to Vivid but no proposals for retrofitting chargepoints in their plans. Works for company who have sustainability. Only place to charge currently is the TTC offices  <b>MB:</b> is there a great demand for ev chargers?  <b>CB:</b> the sale of EVs last year increasing and increasing year on year, they are expensive  <b>AD:</b> sale of EVs last year surpassed the sale of diesel. Problems still with range therefore will be getting Hybrid initially. Cost will be tipping point. Cost of fuelling EVs significantly cheaper  <b>TF:</b> can consider other options leasing or renting  <b>KC:</b> the portfolio holder at the Borough is very keen on on-street charging and borough is doing well in this area. Looking at lamppost chargers and can update AD if he sends her his email.  <b>To Discuss siting and installation of InstaVolt fast charger in Tadley</b>  Referred from TTC for TEG to discuss suitable site for ev charger in Tadley following a request by InstaVolt.  InstaVolt, based in Chineham have 700 + rapid charging stations (10,000 eventually) DC 50kW to 150kW, 24/7 driver support, 99.7% availability (their figures), Contactless or app payment, 100% renewable, Best charging network for 4 consecutive years (ZapMap), £0.45p / kWh (from 1/12/21), Toll free helpline (hosted by AA), National partnerships McDonalds, Costa Coffee, KFC, Booths, Service engineers visit monthly, test, maintenance, clean &amp; tidy, Not reliant on 3<sup>rd</sup> party SLAs, Annual rent paid (RPI linked) or profit share, Flagship: Banbury Jct 11 M40 (16 stations) CCS &amp; CHAdeMO (no type 2)  One suggested site was next to the existing PodPoint site at the TTC offices in Franklyn Avenue. Currently the local doctors (Holmwood) have a contract to use the site for parking and are not happy about loosing car parking spaces. This contract period ends in August 2023.  <b>AB:</b> pros and cons near future good but further down line should look at larger site  <b>AD:</b> What is available at the local Shell and Esso forecourts  <b>WL:</b> after contract allocate spaces in Air Cadets car park, perhaps Holmwood staff could use that.  Proposal put to TEG for vote: “That InstaVolt are invited to install a rapid charger next to the existing PodPoint charger”. Note: One charger requiring two parking spaces.  All agreed apart from one abstention</p>
j	<p>TF: Web site Updates, B&amp;D BC Liaison Meetings  Not discussed</p>
k	<p><b>TF: Future of Energy</b>  <b>KM:</b> has energy saving measuring device as supplied by TEG and will loan to other residents. Object is to save residents money on energy costs.  <b>AB:</b> couple of councils have purchased heat cameras and charge £5 a time for using them.</p>

	TF: Money available though AWE (Micelle Maidment) could possibly be used to purchase our own. B&DBC also have devices available to loan. AH: has also mentioned in email about money available from AWE <b>TF to action</b>
5	All: Other Suggestions/Volunteers for Actions/Projects Rev R Harlow to propose that we try to run an Eco Fair & craft festival on the Green in Tadley, hosted and insured by St Paul's church, but with maximum participation from Green groups. Proposed date: Sat 16 July 2022. TEG to have a stall AB: consider TEG presence at Treacle Fair June 2022
6	Next TEG Meeting - tbc

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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
RM(2)	Ria Meiszner	KM	Kerry Morrow	AD	Ady Dagnell		
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		

<b>Appendix 1</b>
<p>Notice of Motion - Declare an Ecological Emergency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Meeting of Council, Thursday, 14th October, 2021 6.30 pm (Item 51/21)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">View the background to item 51/21</a></li> </ul> <p>Proposer - Councillor Konieczko  Seconded - Councillor Harvey  Council notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>4. The Environment Bill will require the introduction of a Local Nature Recovery Strategy and Nature Recovery Networks as an aid to planning.</li> <li>5. Councils of all colours are already declaring an ecological or biodiversity emergency or acting accordingly. These include: Bath &amp; North East Somerset; Bournemouth; Brent; Brighton &amp; Hove; Cambridgeshire; Ealing; Winchester; and Windsor &amp; Maidenhead.</li> </ol> <p>Council resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Declare an Ecological Emergency.</li> <li>2. Maximise co-benefits from addressing Climate and Ecological Emergencies.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>

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. Recommend to Cabinet that funding is provided to allow for the creation of an Ecological Emergency Strategy and action plan with progress on implementation being scrutinised by Communities, Environment and Partnerships committee and reported annually to Council.

## Appendix 2

Motion: B&DBC Ecological Emergency declaration 14<sup>th</sup> 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.
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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.

## Appendix 3

Route 9 is the proposed route from Tadley to Basingstoke.

In order to enable you to engage effectively with the workshop topics, a StoryMap for the LCWIP has been produced by Sustrans for you to review before the workshop tomorrow. Beyond the background section we would suggest a focus on the network produced, the suggested primary routes, and the proposed recommendations for the improvement of these primary routes. The latter two elements will be central to the workshop. The same applies to the Core Walking Zones (CWZs); emphasis should be placed on the proposed improvements and locations.

Given the extent of the content of the StoryMap, please review the link prior to the workshop and be ready with your contributions and questions as they relate to the StoryMap. This will ensure a more efficient use of the time allocated for the workshop.

<https://bit.ly/3H6RxVu>

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