

Tree Planting Scheme Working Group – Terms of Reference to be changed to “Bridgnorth Green Spaces Working Group”

The Working Group will comprise up to 10 Members, of which up to 6 will to be council members, others can be co-opted from the public, voluntary groups or interested parties.

Background

The role of the 'Green Spaces Working Group' is to enable the most efficient management of Green Space in Bridgnorth while enhancing the natural capital of the Town for the benefit and enjoyment of residents and visitors. High quality green spaces enhance the health and wellbeing of communities and feeds into the visitor economy. Green spaces can also help to meet the councils' commitments under the Climate Motion & Tree Charter as well as addressing biodiversity loss.

The working group shall undertake the following roles and functions: -

- 1) To support the creation and updating of management plans for green spaces maintained by the TC, in consultation with DLF staff & residents & other agencies (e.g., Bug life / Wildlife Trust)
- 2) To assess / appraise management plan annually considering resident's comments (recorded through year)
- 3) To liaise with residents and volunteer groups of the town to ensure the smooth running of maintenance works and identified areas requiring attention.
- 4) Develop a pragmatic H&S process for volunteering in green spaces based on the current sign off process used by DLF
- 5) Communicate the management plans to residents to help with understanding across the community of what they include.
- 6) Seek funding, grants and support to help achieve management plan vision wherever possible via the council office
- 7) Explore opportunities to link up with younger people (Schools, Youth Groups) to facilitate an understanding of the philosophy of green spaces and how they can contribute
- 8) Inform the maintenance of the risk register where appropriate

Quorate

3 council members should be present to be quorate.

Frequency of Meetings

The group should meet as required but at least 4 times per year.

Governance

This working group reports into the full Council Committee. A quarterly summary report to be submitted to the Full Council to be considered.

Once the management plans are signed off by full council the working group can oversee their operationalisation.

Approved: Town Council Meeting held on 20th July 2021 Minute 0107/2122 (iii) b (ii) refers)

(Note: This WG was retitled from Tree Planting Scheme Working Group in July 2021).