


Agenda Green spaces 20220711 12.30 -1.30

Present Liz Rochelle, Helen Beevers, Louise Lee Barry Ince, Trevor Parfitt

Apologies: - Catherine Brown advised that Ray Gill will represent community garden but unable to attend this meeting today

N.B working group was not quorate – decision to take notes and circulate to members post meeting to see if any issues from other members

Item	Information	Lead
Actions	<p>Contact Tom re his audit for national trust Contact – No update</p> <p>Apley to see if still want to be involved- completed</p> <p>Look at available grants- Not done, but info re some schemes from SALC in AOB</p> <p>Jan to send further info as detailed above- completed</p> <p>Progress lengthmen process- No update</p> <p>Progress Severn Trent Biodiversity Improvement Fund- No update</p> <p>Follow up on Queens jubilee trees- expired</p>	<p>LN LR</p> <p>Jan</p>
Review ToRS	 <p>Bridgnorth%20Green %20Spaces%20WG%</p> <p>Amendments made – to be circulated with the notes</p>	LR
Apley Estate update	Not attended	LH
Community Garden	<p>Star request- discussed options for reflection site in red</p> <p>They have suggested the following areas of land, as they don't think the Well Meadow area would be suitable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severn Park (owned by BTC) – there's potential in the top/north end of the site and flood proof access and perch points could be added-maybe too far away from people and floods • Severn Valley Country Park (Shrop. Council owned)- ? Alveley – that wont come under us • Friars Playing Fields – on the west bank opp Severn Park (school owns this)- Floods • Grassland at Bridgnorth Cemetery – BTC owned- no space • Key Gardens off Underhill Street – there's a patch of land here and infrastructure in place already – would need investment to spruce up – lots of public passing by (BTC)- access issue • Off Doctor's Lane – 2 areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Old Hazeldene Factory site (BTC)- not sure enough space with community garden- talked re the area owned between Riverside and Mill St HB to provide contact details of owners 	HB/RG

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Land opposite River House Kitchen (BTC- not sure where this is) ○ BI suggested an area in castle gardens ○ Also discussed ropewalk dingle – but not sure re access unless can park by scout hut – who owns it ○ Discussed top of friar street <p>Helen has contact details of the owners of the land by the Hazeldine site. HB to send so it can be shared. BI is meeting with Star to discuss further.</p> <p>BTC to continue with hedge cutting at community garden Hazeldine foundry site, CH are developing the dead hedge, need more vertical posts.</p> <p>TP suggested Grange on Wenlock Edge may have some off cuts that the group could use for the posts in the dead hedge</p> <p>RG has made some rustic signage, showing activities being carried out for people passing the site.</p> <p>DLF can supply some water from the allotments, can provide a key.</p> <p>Rachel Follette will invoice Jan Crowe for the water jhbail2@aol.com</p>	
Volunteer recruitment for the Cemetery	Re facebook page- cemetery- need help with painting the benches, removing the self-setters. - LR to promote and liaise with TP	LR/TP
Mobile gardening group	Weedkiller has been used on stoneway steps which has killed a lot of the plants put in by the group, Severn valley landscapes were commissioned in the past by the cliff railway to keep weed free. HB to contact cliff railway to discuss	HB
Bug life update	Update sent via email <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both sites are showing really encouraging signs of establishment. Well Meadow has some good patches of Yellow rattle in this first year, and we have supplied the Council with some further Yellow rattle seed to sow across a larger parcel after the cut and collect this year. Grove Park has taken really well with Yellow rattle establishing really well and species like Eyebright and Lady's bedstraw also coming through. 	KJ

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council has been issued with the ongoing management plans. • There is a new bench and interpretation board at Grove Park, and one at Well Meadow along the river. • We had a lovely meadow unveiling event a few weeks ago now, attended by the Town Major and folks who have helped with the project along the way (pic attached of Bridgnorth TC, Shropshire Wildlife Trust, Buglife and the Major on the new bench and the new signage) • If anyone is interested in carrying out a rapid vegetation assessment on an annual basis across these two sites to monitor the establishment of the meadows the please do let me know and I can organise a training session. <p>The Severn B-lines project has come to an end now (June 30th was the last day). I am staying on with Buglife and hoping to hear back from a bid that we are putting in for another project which takes in Shropshire and North Herefordshire, we should hear news of that by September.</p> <p>I'm really pleased with the work at Well Meadow and Grove Park and I think these will be two really beautiful meadows as the ongoing management allows them to settle in and establish. A big thank you to Barry who was the main contact for this work and has been really helpful and responsive to the Buglife team. Also a big thank you to all of you who have come along and sowed seeds, cut grass, raked up cuttings and planted plug plants – a job well done.</p>	
DLF - update - any items for discussion	<p>Management plan for well meadow and the grove has been developed with buglife</p> <p>Want to plant more yellow rattle, look at summer holidays , DofE endowed / Oldbury LR to contact</p>	TP/BI
Tree town update	Luke not in attendance	LN
Plants for next year - are they already contracted	<p>Littlefords, are the company contracted for the hanging baskets etc.</p> <p>Final year of the contract is 2023, Volunteers to help with recycling the plants when they are finished- end of September. BI /HB to liaise</p>	
Future plans		
AOB	A 'friends of' group for Ropewalk dingle- No update	LN

For information	<p>Trees Outside Woodland Scheme</p> <p>Shropshire Council is launching this tree scheme later this summer and below is a link to more information promoting the scheme. SALC is waiting for information as to when you apply for the trees.</p> <p>https://shropshire.gov.uk/environment/trees-woodlands-and-hedges/trees-outside-woodlands-project/</p> <p>Contact: Nick Rowles, Trees Outside Woodlands Project Officer Planning Services - Tree Team nick.rowles@shropshire.gov.uk 07811 036851</p>	
	<p>Planned conference to be held by Middle Marches Community Land Trust (MMCLT) in partnership with other organisations. See website for information and joining MMCLT – please share with parish’s</p> <p>https://middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk/</p> <p>Planned conference on Hedges, Verges, Ditches & Meadows, date fixed with MP in North Shropshire Helen Morgan as FRIDAY Sept 30th, Venue to be confirmed and conference not advertised yet but will be a free event funded by Green Recovery Challenge Fund grant. Interested Parish’s make a note in diary and more details to follow.</p> <p>See website information on the 3 projects CPRE Hedgerow Hero’s https://www.cpreshropshire.org.uk/hedgerow-project - fully funded CfGA ARK project https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/opening-the-ark/ RSVP Verge Project https://middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk/guest-blogs/restoring-Shropshire's-verges-project-rsvp/</p>	
Next meeting	October 10 th , 2022, The Annex 12.30-1.30	