

**Minutes of the Environmental Action Working Group held at 7.00pm Tuesday 20th September 2022
in the Salmonsbury Room at The George Moore Community Centre**

Attended: Andy Roberts, Tom Constant, Alex Hudson, Jon Wareing.

Apologies: Emma Dixon

Item	Comments	Action
Welcome & Introductions/ToR	<p>Jon shared the context of the Environmental Action Working Group, as a vehicle to embrace the enthusiasm and participation of local residents who are interested in developing strategies for proactively improving the Village Environment.</p> <p>The Terms of Reference & Parish Council Code of Conduct were shared with attendees and the application to become a member of the Working Group shared with a request that these be filled in and returned to the Parish Council Offices.</p>	All attendees to sign Working Group Application form and return to PC Office.
Areas of Interest	<p>Tom gave a thorough explanation of the Lower Slaughter Community Composting scheme that he chaired and that was launched in 2004. (An Info Pack and DVD was shared with Jon)</p> <p>Alex expressed interest in a number of aspects from rewilding the river, development of an environmentally focussed design code. (We need to share in summary form all of the ideas and suggestions developed under the aegis of the Bourton Tourism Action Group.)</p> <p>Jon talked about waste minimisation through replacing single use plastics (such as The Cotswold Cup Scheme) and seeking to influence fast food vendors to find better alternatives to large cardboard boxes (in order to reduce the number of bins on the green). Facilitating a meeting of takeaway providers to introduce the Zero Waste ambitions and explore the options for introducing reusable food containers may be a good first step</p> <p>He also raised the suggestion made by the Platinum Jubilee Working Group that there be a water fountain installed in the village (to negate the requirement for residents or visitors to purchase water in plastic bottles), part funded by profit from the programme of events and potentially funded from the Tourism levy on the Rissington Road Car Park.</p> <p>Andy mentioned the possibility of maybe a couple of water fountains, one outside the CDC owned public toilets next to Cotswold China & Cookware on the High Street and maybe something on the Village Green or more feasibly next to the Victoria Hall.</p> <p>One afterthought is the development of signage that would communicate to visitors the Zero Waste ambition that has</p>	Jon to return DVD to Tom

	been embraced by the Parish Council and how they play a part. (From car parks to village centre/Information Centre.)	
Next Meeting & Next Steps	<p>Attendees were asked to identify and invite other interested individuals and let Jon know who these people might be.</p> <p>A next meeting will be scheduled in due course in late October/early Nov to start develop a work programme for the Working Group.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Jon</p>