

Minutes of the TreeForum public meeting of 21st March 2016 (Broadmead Baptist Church)

Attendees: 14 public: Pauline Allen, Stephanie French, Sean Harding, Peter Harnett (Chair), Hugh Holden, Michele Lavelle, Justin Millward, Roger Mortimer, Jim Smith, Clive Stevens (Sec), John Tarlton (Treasurer), Wendy Tippett and Nicolette Vincent and another (please let me know) plus 2 council officers: Teresa Crichton and Richard Ennion

Item 1 – questions to ask the mayoral candidates:

These were discussed and the Forum gave the power to John Tarlton (treasurer) and Peter Harnett (Chair) to finalise them. These are now listed on the next page.

Item 2 – presentation by the Council “how to plant a tree”

This was so good that we have created a whole new page for current and future Tree Champions to refer to. We are now looking for more volunteers to help find sites for planting (no need to find funding).

http://www.euronova.co.uk/Tree_Champions_Page.htm

Apart from details all we need now is the fundraising arm to be set up (see mayoral questions) and the planting picture is complete.

Minutes agreed.....dated.....

Next meeting probably October 2016

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Bristol Tree Forum: Questions for mayoral candidates drawn up at a public meeting on 21st March 2016

1. Do you support the need for increased tree cover in a city for reasons of climate change mitigation, public health, education and well-being ?
2. If so how will you support initiatives to increase private and grant funding, facilitate planting and the protection of trees and ensure there is adequate resource in the council to do this ?
3. How will you ensure that the council works with the Tree Forum and uses it as a conduit for formatting, consulting and communicating tree policy and for liaising with other community organisations?
4. How will you develop an external funding model to bring in business, private and other monies for tree planting in Bristol?
5. How will you work with Highways Department to ensure all opportunities are taken to plant trees in pavement buildouts, street pavements, central reservations and other locations and ensure trees are seen as an integral part of the street scene?
6. How would you support a city wide plan to replace tree stumps by 2020 ?
7. How would you see that trees are treated as capital assets for accounting purposes ?
8. How would you ensure the protection of the trees in Castle Park (St Mary le Port) from development, which threatens to lead to tree felling ?
9. How will you ensure that the planning department adopts a robust approach to tree protection and mitigation in all construction in Bristol, including construction for affordable homes and student accommodation ?

Please return responses to:

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