

Minutes of a meeting of the Tree Forum Committee, 19 March 2018

Present Peter Harnett Chair, Mark Ashdown, John Tarlton, Cllr Clive Stevens, Jim Stephanie French, Richard Bland Jim Smith, and Alan Morris from the Civic Society

1 Tree of the Year proposal. The concept of an annual competition for q Tree of the Year in Bristol be organised by RLB who would create a structure and seek support from the Parks Forum. It would be advertised through the Tree Forum website. **ACTION RLB**

2 Work in Filwood. In discussion it was agreed that, with the demise of the formal Neighbourhood partnership scheme, we needed to provide tree enthusiasts with a structure and the national Tree Warden scheme was commended. The term Tree Champion had been in part taken over by the One Tree per child organisation. **ACTION PH to contact John Atkinson**

3 Public meeting. We would hold a public meeting in the Council house in mid-May, date being fixed by CS. **Post meeting note** Fixed for June 4. **Programme.** Present plans and policy explained by Richard Ennion. John Clarke on the i-tree survey. Perhaps something on the Manchester scheme. **ACTION PH MA**

4 Public engagement. John Tarlton suggested a number of ideas, including a newsletter and a blog on the website.

5 Tree Strategy document. PH presented his strategy document. The concept of the urban forest was discussed, and the relationship of street trees, park trees and woodland. There was a need to find a system to monitor canopy cover as increasing it was a clear aim.

6 AOB. A)CS outlined the new chaotic structure and the various sums they held. There were still two planning officers. b) would help to have figures of numbers of trees felled, and numbers planted. C) We would be present at Redland Green Bank holiday event. **ACTION JT**

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