

Tree Forum Committee meeting 4th October 2018

Stephanie French, Sean Harding, Peter Harnett (Chair), Colin Palmer, Vassili Papastavrou (notes), Jim Smith, John Tarlton

Filwood Community Centre

Apologies: Mark Ashdown, Chris Wallace, Tim Brandram

1. Introduction from Colin Palmer – the committee welcomed him to his first meeting. (Highridge, Hengrove, Hartcliffe Way, and the Link Road). Oaks planted in triangle of grass by Hedley Park primary school but two poisoned. Hengrove way copper beech trees along central reservation. Section 106 money to continue the line of trees. Was taken to Area Committee 6 but currently on hold. Will be the tree champion for the area.
2. Introduction from Sean Harding (Whitchurch and Hengrove) – the committee welcomed him to his first meeting. Community Interest Company called Treespect to engage communities with their trees. Involved in European Tree in the Year award. Brymon Oak won. Also, great trees of Sheffield. Also expert input into tree safety issues. Will also be the local tree champion.
3. Action arising from the last meeting: to ask Tim Brandram when the “tree problems” page on the web site will be updated, and also when the email address provided for tree felling will start to be used.
4. Tree Forum Constitution and Aims and Objectives. Three points will front up the aims and objectives on the web site (with the first point also added to the longer aims and objectives) as follows:
 - Provide a forum to encourage community engagement in Bristol's urban tree management decisions
 - Promote the importance and value of Bristol's urban trees
 - Work to increase tree canopy cover in Bristol through better protection of existing trees and planting new ones

The aims and objectives and the constitution will be put to the public meeting for adoption.

5. Bristol Tree of the Year. Voting page on website to include all trees. Publicity is needed to tell people about the list. Sean Harding will help us get publicity.
6. BTF banner. We will go for a stand up rolled banner

7. Section 106 Update. Mark Ashdown has done incredibly well in getting several area committees to make progress. Sean Harding is keen to talk to Mark for future possibilities in his area. CIL Money could also be accessed for Trees
8. Tree Forum Public meeting. Now confirmed for 8th November at 6pm
Items for the agenda are: Bristol Tree Strategy update (ask Woodland Trust as it is coming up with draft of action plan), iTree Project (Jon Clark), Section 106 update (Mark Ashdown), Tree of the Year, Tree champions (Jim Smith). Elections, constitution (Peter Harnett)

.....Ends Vassili Papastavrou 10 October 2018