

Minutes

Tree Forum Interim Committee meeting 3rd December 2018

Mark Ashdown (chair), Stephanie French, Vassili Papastavrou (notes), Jim Smith, John Tarlton, Chris Wallace

This meeting was held to discuss a number of procedural issues and so it was decided to limit it to the members of the committee,

1. It was decided to hold six committee meetings per annum on the following dates (nominally on the first Monday of alternate months - venue to be confirmed):
Monday 7th January, Monday 4th March, Monday 13th May, Monday 1 July, Monday 2 September, Monday 4 November.
2. These committee meetings would be open to additional “fellow travellers” (e.g. tree champions, BCC Councillors) as before.
3. In addition, we will plan for one public meeting each year (date to be confirmed depending on events). We will not call it an AGM, but rather a “Public Meeting” as we think AGM may put people off. We will arrange a speaker for each as in the past.
4. Each Committee meeting will start with action arising, and officers’ reports. We will then consider around two major topics/projects in some detail, followed by AOB where all other items can be briefly discussed. The major topics would remain on the agenda for 2-3 meetings or until they are resolved
5. A dashboard of current projects was collated as follows:
 - Tree Champions (Jim)
 - Bristol Tree Strategy Action Plan (Vassili and Mark)
 - BTRS - review and refine (Stephanie)
 - Section 106 and CIL planting (Mark)
 - Ensuring consultation with BTF over major schemes (Vassili)
 - Tree of the Year (Chris)
 - Richard Bland memorial copse (Mark and John)
 - Trees of Bristol (Chris and Mark)
 - National street tree consortium of some kind (Vassili)
 - Banner and logo (John)
6. The agenda for the Jan 7th Committee meeting will be as follows:
 1. Action arising
 2. Officers’ reports
 3. Major topic: Section 106 and CIL update
 4. Major topic: Bristol Tree Strategy Action Plan
 5. AOB
 6. Major topics for 4th March Committee meeting

.....Ends Vassili Papastavrou 10 December 2018