



Bristol Tree Forum Committee Meeting 02 November 2020 - Minutes

Present (via Zoom): Mark Ashdown (chair), Stephanie French, Vassili Papastavrou (sec), James Smith (for part of the meeting), John Tarlton (treasurer), Chris Wallace (web site and IT)

Apologies: Sean Harding

1. Reports from officers

John Tarlton reported a similar bank balance to the last meeting. The 1,000 oak trees that have been ordered [for free distribution](#) are now taken and the order will be increased to 1,600 trees. This project has been hugely successful and those who have taken free trees will be encouraged to provide the postcode of where the trees are planted

2. BTF Newsletter

Instead of an AGM this autumn it was agreed to produce a newsletter. A number of committee members agreed to write pieces and BCC would be approached to write a summary of tree planting and trees removed, with text from Councillor Asher Craig. Initial text by 02 December 2020

3. Tree champions

A welcome pack will be developed for tree champions to include amongst other things, planning issues and tree planting.

4. Metrobus trees

Mark Ashdown stated that it has been extremely difficult to get any useful information regarding the Metrobus trees, even through Freedom of Information requests.

5. AGM

The AGM has now been postponed to the spring because of the current COVID 19 restrictions.



6. Any other business

John Tarlton said that the St Pauls Community Forum is looking for some substantial tree planting in St Pauls and would like to work with the BTF. John will be speaking to the Clifton Climate Action and Energy Group on Trees. He also suggested that the BTF write to the Downs Committee re pre-emptive succession planting to take into account ash trees that fail. It was agreed to involve Bristol University. Mark Ashdown highlighted some new development sites where there are important existing trees (Baltic Wharf Caravan Park, Waterfront place, Brislington Meadow and St Mary le Port).

Vassili Papastavrou 13 December 2020