



Bristol Tree Forum Committee meeting (by Zoom)

Monday 5 September 2022

Present: Mark Ashdown (Chair), Stephanie French, Dougal Matthews, Vassili Papastavrou (Secretary), Jim Smith (vice chair and TC Coordinator), John Tarlton (Treasurer), Chris Wallace. Tree Champion Rob Griffin.

Next meeting is Monday 7 November 2022 (AGM)

1. Reports from Officers

John Tarlton reported that there has been no change in the bank account.

2. Planning an AGM.

This was the main focus of the meeting. The date proposed is 7th November. John suggested asking a councillor to present progress on the local plan. Jim suggested adding a discussion about success rate of trees that were planted in 2022. Vassili suggested an additional popular focus, to encourage participation. Chris suggested inviting Paul Wood. Dougal suggested a slot on the new street tree planting programme. Dougal will approach Councillor Andrew Varney and Emma Edwards. Following this committee meeting, the [details of the AGM](#) were finalised.

3. Letter to Carla Denyer regarding the importance of retaining existing urban trees.

Mark will send a reminder given that we didn't get a reply.

4. Trees of Bristol website (Chris).

Chris invited support in improving the trees of Bristol website, including a new area for Tree Champions. Dougal and Rob offered to contribute.

5. Trees for Streets sponsorship Programme.

At present it seems difficult to make progress regarding sponsorship of a site and there are a number of other questions. Dougal and Chris will write to ask for an update. Chris will also write to Richard Ennion to ask whether the previous Pinpoint version is still working.

6. Major Planning Applications.

It was felt that the Committee had not considered any of the tree issues before approving the Bart Spices application. The Sec of State has decided not to call in St Mary le Port. We continue to try to get to the bottom of the de-registration of SNCIs. Baltic Wharf may come before the Planning Committee in October.

7. AOB

Dougal announced a tour of Arnos Vale trees on 16 October.

