

Minutes of a meeting of the Tree Forum committee held on Monday June 6 2016

Present Peter Harnett chair, John Tarlton Treasurer, Richard Bland, minuting sec, Jim Smith. Jon Clark ,Forest of Avon, Mark Ashdown. Later Clive Stephens
Apologies Stephanie French, Guy Malkerson, Vassili Papastavrou

1 Committee structure and jobs

After much discussion it was agreed that :-

the Chair should be Peter Harknett, Co-chair Vassili Papastavrou, Treasurer John Tarlton, Minutes and planning, Richard Bland, Champion coordinator Jim Smith, webmaster Mark Ashdown. We did not assign jobs to Stephanie French or Guy Malkerson, though we needed a public relations person.

Possible new committee members included Teresa Crichton, Fraser Bridgford

2 Next Forum meeting. This would be the AGM, when the committee would be re-elected. We had a constitution, available on our website which would be rehoused with Mark Ashdown in due course. The date provisionally fixed was Monday 17 October, 6-8.00pm.

A working group of J Tarlton, R Bland and J Smith was established to bring proposals to the next meeting, but it was hoped to give Richard Ennion a chance to talk about the future of one tree per child, Alan Sealey to outline the University actions. Other ideas were Roger Mortimer about Castle Park,

3 Actions for Clive

- a. Clive would send Jim a list of Champions
- b. Clive would outline his planning approach for RLB
- c. Clive would enable RLB to access the list of c 300 Tree Forum "member"

4 Tentative ideas.

Could we liaise more with UWE; Bristol in Bloom; Avon Wildlife Trust; Parks Forum; Civic Society; RCAS;

5 DONM

Now changed to Monday July 4th 8-10 8 Edgcombe Rd

Post meeting note from Note from Jon Clark, Forest of Avon

I would like to make the following comments following the discussions at the two Committee meetings I have attended:

- It is great that contact has been made with Richard and Teresa, following on from the meeting in April: key contacts and ones that will be involved in One Tree per Child for the next 4 years;
- I agree that it is really important for the TF to engage with as many partners as possible to promote/ influence and deliver;
- The Forest of Avon Trust is very happy to be one of these partners and would be very pleased to work with the TF to hold, attract and help distribute funds (if you felt this was necessary);
- The Forest of Avon Trust's focus in Bristol in the immediate future will be: training and working with volunteers to deliver woodland management in some of the City's woodlands (we have some grant funding for this); continuing to support the delivery of One Tree per

Child (we surveyed 124 possible planting sites and planted thousands of trees working with BCC); running our long-standing Garden Forest and Allotment Orchard schemes to get (a diversity of) fruit trees planted across the City: providing professional Forest School leader training and running health and wellbeing activities in local woodlands for people with dementia, mental health needs and adults with learning difficulties;

- More widely, whilst I am very committed to what the TF has and I am sure will, continue to achieve, I need to balance involvement in the lobbying role with maintaining (hopefully excellent) links with BCC; I certainly would however want to work with you to lobby for the creation of trees, woodland and green infrastructure as part of any strategic developments in the City.