

Stotfold Town Plan Implementation Group (IG)
2 pm, 23rd July 2013

Present: Liz Anderson; Kate Bell; Cllr Sheila Bundock; Cllr Anne Clarey (chair); Wendy Craig; Pam Manfield (notes); Glenn Rickwood; Claire Whitty.
Kate Elliott Turner, the Town Clerk was welcomed as a visitor

1. **Apologies:** none

2. Good Neighbour Group

2.1 On the 4th of July Wendy Craig (Chair / G N Gp) held a meeting attended by 12 potential volunteers. More are interested in being involved. Kate Bell has agreed to act as Secretary, and Kate Elliott-Turner as Treasurer.

2.2 The next meeting, to be held after the IG meeting on 23rd July, will work on a constitution, formalise the group and look at division of tasks, finance and funding applications.

2.3 Start date is hopefully the end of October 2013.

2.4 WC was complimented on the success of the initiative.

3. Stotfold Green Wheel

3.1 PM had reported on the draft vision to the Recreation, Public Lands and Lighting Committee (RPLLC), who approved the vision and recommended that it should be adopted by the Town Council.

3.2. The idea was formally adopted by the Town Council at the beginning of July.

3.3 The Town Council will manage the project, through the RPLLC. It was recommended that a Green Wheel Working Party be set up to decide how this is taken forward, with representatives from the multiple stakeholders, as follows:

- * Arlesey Town Council
- * Astwick Parish Council
- * Fairfield Parish Council
- * Teasel (possibly Roger Watson)
- * Acorn
- * Stotfold Town Council, one each from RPLLC, Rights of Way and two from the IG group. (Anne Clarey and Pam Manfield will represent the IG.)
- * CBC Ecology: Liz Anderson

3.4 It was noted that Cliff Andrews' first priority is delivering the Sandy Green Wheel, but he should be available for discussions and advice.

3.5 It was agreed that the Working Party should discuss priority issues and 'easy wins' and apply for funding for these. Suggested ideas were:

- * Improving the recreation area near Wrayfields with a footbridge across the river
- * Increasing biodiversity and public access to the countryside around the town
- * increased number of wildflower meadows
- * community orchard, possibly near the beekeeper site near the old brickworks or at Etonbury Academy
- * wildflower verges/roundabouts
- * tree sponsorship in Pix Brook Linear Park

3.6 Matched funding is important; volunteer hours etc.

3.7 KET agreed to sort out a date for the first Working Party Meeting, probably for 13th or

14th of August. **Action: KET**

4. Work to be carried out

4.1 Most had been dealt with above

4.2 AC will collate responses from the Festival to the favourite Green Space. **Action: AC**

4.3 We need an A4 copy of the Green Wheel map. **Action: AC, or PM** to ask Larry Stoter

4.4 It was agreed all members should look at the Green Wheel vision and identify 'easy wins' to be sent to PM as soon as possible. **Action: all**

5. Information

5.1 It was noted that an orchard on Arlesey Road had been cut down, presumably to aid housing development.

6. Date of next meeting: 10th September at 2 pm in the Simpson Centre