



**Date/Time:** Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 @ 7.45 pm

**Location:** Zoom

**Distribution:** Present + apologies

## Notes

## Action

### 1 Introductions and Project Roles:

|                |   |                |
|----------------|---|----------------|
| Karen Lewing   | - | Local Resident |
| Hannah Cooper  | - | Local Resident |
| (no apologies) |   |                |

### 2 Review of Progress:

#### • Social Media

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Nextdoor pages set up with the new logos:

Facebook - 94 likes and 104 followers  
Instagram - 81 followers  
Twitter - 7 followers  
Nextdoor - 7 members

#### Actions:

KL/HC

1. We need to regularly post - agree frequency
2. Plan content in advance – photo opportunities in Barbourne – add to Trello

#### • Website

Matthew Jenkins from Topspin Website Design ([matt@topspinwebdesign.co.uk](mailto:matt@topspinwebdesign.co.uk)) has agreed to set up a website for [barbourneinbloom.org.uk](http://barbourneinbloom.org.uk) and the domain is now registered.

Karen to ask Matt for a zoom call so we can see what content is needed for the website.

KL

A starter email would be [info@barbourneinbloom.org.uk](mailto:info@barbourneinbloom.org.uk) but we can have more on top.

Karen to initially pay the annual domain hosting fee. In the future this could come from funding

KL

#### • Bank Account

We need a bank account to apply for funding. Hannah banks with Metro bank but branch is in Birmingham. KL/HC to look to see if there are any good ethical alternatives. Metro branch currently open Monday -Friday 10-4pm. Also see what is needed to set it up a community bank account.

KL/HC

#### • Committee

KL/HC

Aim to increase committee members - we will need a Treasurer

KL to ask Sadie from Worcestershire Wildlife Trust and Kari-Anne Abraham

HC to see who else may be interested - could put up poster in the park notice board to promote the

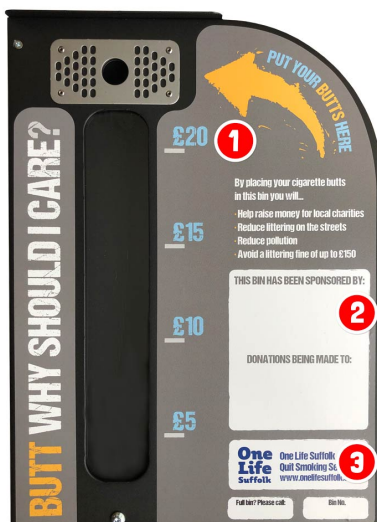
group.

- Funding opportunities**

Worcester City Council small grants award £1 - £2,000

Application must include lots of information that we don't have yet, including a bank account.

- Funding for litter picking kits -
  - children's 'Graptor' pickers £18.50
  - adult pickers £16.50
  - bag hoops £12.50
  - strong bin bags – biodegradable £2.22 for 20 or recycled plastic £13.99 for 60
- Charity butt bins: (would need to agree location(s) with City Council/DWT £199+ (fixing options)
- This is not an ashtray stencil for drains £20





Natural Networks - % of whole project which needs to be agreed. Possibility of SuDS where Waterworks Road floods to be explored.

KL/HC

HC and KL to seek other funding pots – KL to write to the Co op as local to Barbourne

KL/HC

- **Initiatives**

Currently promoting peat free April and litter picking, other items – hedgehog streets, poowatch

Hannah has been approaching local businesses to take advantage of the free Plant locks from the County 'Park that Bike' initiative. Work continues.

Event list for relevant national campaigns to be formulated with calendar of dates:

Earth day 22<sup>nd</sup> April (plastic and pollution)

No Mow May – encourage people to leave some of their lawn unmown

International Compost Week – from 2<sup>nd</sup> May (raise awareness of benefits of composting)

World Bee Day 20<sup>th</sup> May

Plantlife every flower counts survey in June (letitbloomjune)

29<sup>th</sup> May -6<sup>th</sup> June National Children's gardening week – potential event?

June – 30 days wild – The Wildlife Trust – ask Sadie if she could help us plan something

5<sup>th</sup> June World Environment Day - message 'we are all reliant on nature's interconnected web)

July – Plastic Free July (cleaner streets – challenge to buy loose fruit and veg and plastic free versions)

Love Parks week (tba)– potential joined up with Worcester City Council

28<sup>th</sup> July World Nature Conservation Day

From 10<sup>th</sup> August – National Allotments Week

Organic September – reducing pesticide use

From 23<sup>rd</sup> September - WRAP – recycle more of the right things

4<sup>th</sup> October - no disposable cup day – (reduced litter)

**Next Meeting:** to be agreed – weekly or fortnightly?