

In attendance:

Irina Charalambous (IC)

William Rhind (WR)

Fanny Roche (FR)

Terry Brown - Coordinator (TGB)

Apologies:

Kim Boyd (KB)

Lynne McNulty (LMcN)

Melanie Rowland (MR)

George Somers (GS)

Vicki Carol (VC)

Stuart Oliver (SO)

Hunter Daly (HD)

Welcome:

TGB welcomed those present and especially new attendee FR, though surprised at low attendance for second meeting in a row.

	Note	Action
1	Potential future events	
1.1	Walk in King Georges & Wandsworth Parks: WR supposed to lead this walk which has now been scheduled for October 23. There has been some discussion of the length of time for the walk and whether it might be better arranged in two sessions. WR to give this some consideration when looking into the walks in more detail.	All, WR
1.2	Talk about Climate Change: SO has proposed giving one or more talks on climate change which might be based on an individual or group event. To be discussed further with Stuart when available.	SO
1.3	Wandle Fortnight Opportunity, September 11 to 26: Group members to give consideration to possible involvement in the Wandle Fortnight. From last notes: "VC mentioned the Wandle Walk and the Wandle Fortnight, September 11th-26th. Wandle Fortnight Wandle Valley Forum: http://www.wandlevalleyforum.org.uk/wandle-fortnight.html Projects can be registered with the Wandle Valley Forum for the Wandle Fortnight. Grants from £50-£200. are available for an activity (applications by 22 August)". POST MEETING NOTE: As there is time, best discuss this further at the next meeting with VC, but if group members have ideas, please let TGB know.	All VC
1.4	WBC 'Together on Climate Change' November 8 to 13: TGB agreed to attach the explanation of WBC's proposed Climate Change Event in November and group members to consider what WFOE might contribute to this event. See text at the end of this note	All
1.5	A WFOE staged public meeting: TGB raised the possibility of a wholly WFOE staged event being scheduled either for a single talk or for a number of talks. This would be a public meeting and would require a venue large enough to hold a reasonable audience. Once was a living streets have arranged such meetings in the upper room of the Alma Pub opposite Wandsworth Town station. We have some	TGB All

	money available and might be able to afford such a venue but we would need to be absolutely clear that we had a programme that would in interest the general public and other community groups. We need to establish a team to push this idea forward if it is agreed with the group as a whole.	
2	Review of Detailed Actions Schedule	
2.1	Stream A: Urban Greening	
2.1.1	Regarding the need to focus on the specific areas and objectives regarding the improvement of parks and commons, the Wandle Valley forum possibilities described above are relevant here. Also, the possibility of a café in King Georges Park and whether this would be on the tideway site or elsewhere.	
2.1.2	Regarding the Wilding of private and public open space, once again the question was whether there would be a specific location that we might look at. IC suggested that one area might be the open space area between the causeway and the river Wandle near to the railway bridge. We need to find out who owns this site and if anything what proposals are for it. It would make a very good area for Wilding. POST MEETING NOTE: There might be proposals in the Wandsworth Local Plan for this area. To be explored further.	IC TGB
2.1.3	Group members to look out for areas of poorly maintained planting and open space.	All
2.1.4	The possibility of public participation in the maintenance of street planing and open spaces where the Council cannot provide the service. This may need to be discussed in consultation with the Council's subcontractor Enable.	All
2.2	Stream B: Climate Change	
2.2.1	Regarding the Climate Change talk proposed by SO, further discussions needed regarding context and occasion.	SO
2.2.2	Conversion of private houses to renewable energy sources and the reduction of energy use in homes by installation, airtightness and appropriate timing of heating. CREW have done a lot of work here and we may need to consult them if we're going to develop this topic further.	TGB
2.2.3	Vehicles & transportation: this is an area where Wandsworth living streets have carried out a lot of work particularly in promoting active travel. WFOE could also develop an angle on both active travel and reduced use of petrol and diesel driven vehicles. This might be particular in the area of commercial vehicles, both delivering packages, which is growing due to the success of on-site retailing and such things as cargo bikes. This needs a group member to take on ownership.	All
2.3	Stream C: Single Use Plastic	
2.3.1	Avoid or reduce single use packaging: a number of detailed activities are listed on the schedule for the stream but it really needs group member to take ownership.	All
2.3.2	Biodegradable packaging: this is a very interesting area which hasn't really been taken up by other groups and could provide a rich ground for WFOE activity. Needs to be resolved into specific actions to raise public awareness.	VC
2.3.3	Recycling opportunities: focus on recycling opportunities in high-rise blocks both new and retrofit. Ownership required. Also the issue of food waste was raised, in connection with the possibility of WBC promoting a food composting scheme. This needs to be investigated.	All
2.4	WESS (Wandsworth Environmental & Sustainability Strategy)	

2.4.1	WFOE to continue to monitor and challenge the WESS. IC has taken charge of this stream, but she is looking for contacts within the Council to discuss WESS issues further. TGB to research contacts	IC TGB
2.4.1	Mayoral Election: Assembly Member for Wandsworth & Merton: it was agreed that later in the year we would make contact with Leonie Cooper, who is our Wandsworth assembly member. We will need to prepare good material to have a fruitful meeting with Leonie.	TGB All
2.5	Wandsworth Local Plan:	All
2.5.1	The consultation period has elapsed and this is effectively now once with policy document for dealing with future planning applications. It is therefore a very important document to be familiar with, particularly when looking into issues relating to development control. WFOE should continue to familiarise itself with this large and detailed document.	
2.5.2	In connection with Wandsworth's attitude to biodiversity it was noted that English nature has now released a "biodiversity metric" which can be adapted by local authorities to check out biodiversity issues when reviewing development applications.	
3	AOB	
4	It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday August 18	
	ENDS	

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WBC Together on Climate Change

Find out about our action on Climate Change Page of 2 2 Wandsworth Council would like to promote their Together on Climate Change Festival, taking place from Monday 8th November to Saturday 13th November, and we are inviting you to get involved! We are planning to hold a borough wide Climate Change Festival to coincide with the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow. There will be a mixture of virtual and in-person events held throughout the week of the festival.

The festival aims to bring together **residents, businesses, community groups and key stakeholders** from across the borough to **raise awareness of climate change issues**. Building on the Virtual Climate Summit held in November 2020, we want to create a borough wide week of activities, to share information, tips and advice with residents, so that we can all make the changes needed to help us to achieve our climate change targets in line with the Wandsworth Environment and Sustainability Strategy (WESS), and reduce borough-wide emissions. The festival will be about learning about climate change, what everyone can do to reduce carbon emissions and showcase the good work already happening across the borough on climate Page of 1 2 WBC Together on Climate Change change. This will be a great opportunity to reach local residents and organisations.

We are inviting local partners and organisations to participate in what will be a landmark event for action on climate change in Wandsworth. Want to host an event or activity during the week of the festival focused on providing information, tips and advice to residents and businesses, and the steps they can take to make a difference? Then please head to our webpages here, and submit an expression of interest form to participate before the end of September 2021. **All events are aiming to be informative and family friendly**, and all proposals will be reviewed on an ongoing basis by the Wandsworth Climate Change team. Please share the message to your contacts who you think might be interested. You can read our press release here, and our Twitter post is here. If you have any questions at all, please contact us

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