

TS Council meeting 7:30pm 20th June 2024

Present:

Directors and volunteers: Adrian Oldman (AO), Martin Whiteside (MW), Caroline Pankhurst (CP), Shalize Nicholas (SN), Jess Farr, Coordinator (JF)

Apologies: Katherina Child, Nigel Westaway, Dmytro Bojaniwskyj, Richard Lupo, Chris Carnegie, Treasurer, Isabel Clark, Gill Thomas

Stroud Assembly project - affiliation vote

Discussed affiliation - some concerns ironed out:

- Adrian on steering group so we have some oversight
- Update for the annual report
- All present voted in favour of accepting affiliation request

Finances

- Directors are pleased to see a healthy bank balance
- Provisional offer of £12,000 / year from SDC. Starting from April 2025
- Funding gap now looming between Nov and March
- **Action: Adrian to ask for shortfall funding from SDC**

GreenSeen update

- Caroline - Chloe / Wild Stroud agreed to take it on. 19th July handover meeting
- **Action: Caroline and Jess to draft an initial report for GS for funders in July**
- **Action: Shalize promote GS on eco chambers of commerce**

Bike hire scheme/s update

- Have been signed off for REPF funding so can start work on Stonehouse
- **Action: Jess to ask NailsworthCAN whether they want to start ebikes**
- GCC project. Have storage space in Ebley Mill till Sept. Access M-F, 9-5
- Can we push back on hire cost? Very small. Also query the holding system for vouchers. Who to pay to hand bikes out?
- **Action: Adrian to propose alternative funding model to GCC**
- **Promo:** Kerri has written a news article. Rebrand existing ebikes as cargo bikes, new flyers being printed
- Minch - low bookings problem. Coming up with a plan with Gill and Kerri.

Reimagining Stroud's Tomorrow update

- Info session coming up on 25th June for people interested in collaborating

- Website page now live, and funding / expression of interest form for community collaborators. Deadline 26th July, most lead in workshops need to be set up for September.

CAN Forum update

- Jess suggests running one event in late August for cycle September, and then focus on Reimagine Stroud's Tomorrow.

Stroud constituency climate and nature hustings question

Discussed what question to ask, and decided on: 'I walked an hour to get here because there are no buses - what are you going to do about it?'