

Notes TS Council meeting - 15 Feb 2024

Present: Jess Farr, Chris Carnegy, Adrian Oldman, Martin Whiteside, Caroline Pankhurst, Katharina Child

1. Finance report from Chris

Need to transfer funds from project funding to core (£1000 from Ebikes and £500 from GS budget) in line with full cost recovery policy. Can we get two votes for each this evening?

For records: All present directors vote to agree to £500 from GS budget and £1000 from Ebikes to be formally transferred to core TS fund, as agreed in original funding terms. Chris to record on the accounts.

Even with this agreed we urgently need to address core funding needs (currently on course to run out by May/June).

Further Actions:

- A further £500 to be moved over from Ebikes budget to core once further match funding has been acquired.
- Adrian to ask The Bike Drop how best to transfer £1500 from Ebikes project to cover their overhead costs and to clarify VAT status.
- Jess and Adrian to approach SDC / re core. And ask for total relaxing of CAN grant to core during expected meeting on 19th Feb.
- Jess to write to members for donations

2. SDC funding meeting with Georgia

Approach for core, but not an immediate grant. This is more of a long term approach. Can we apply for more STC funding?

Further Actions:

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3. E-bikes update

Due to find out by Friday 23rd Feb about all TT bids. REPF still being decided.

Current proposed partners: Minch, Brimscombe & Chalford, Stonehouse. Each have agreed to put some match funding in. Nailsworth is slower to get going, suggest defer for now and launch with 3 above.

Current timeline: Buy bikes by end Feb, first training with TBD by mid March. Booking system set up by mid March. Buy initial cheaper bikes (eJoys) in first order, then make a decision on more expensive or further ebikes after decisions made on all match funding.

Have been approached by GCC consultants re bike loan / loan to buy scheme roll out. 10-20 ebikes, targeted across sites across Stroud area. Directors to agree a proposal to run for £12k / annum.

For records: All Directors present agree to buying first ebikes

Further actions:

- Jess and Adrian to ask The Bike Drop to buy first ebikes
- Jess, Adrian and Caroline to submit a proposal to run their ebike loan scheme by 21st.

4. GreenSeen

Soft launch planned for 1st March. Dropped much of branding, too aggressive. Now open for registration.

Further actions:

- Caroline to take on Dmytro's overall role on GS while he is unwell.
- Jess to ask new comms coordinator Kerri whether she could take on ongoing maintenance of GS? If not, offer to Chloe but give clear guidelines and decision making guidance.
- Jess to ask Chloe for process guidance / training and full password access to all software.

5. TS website - proposal to switch to Squarespace

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1V0TdP91sAZvaeRzHa6UDzX4rsNiWwpoUmw1qY9iIM0o/edit?usp=sharing>

Defer decision on this until end Feb

Further actions:

- Jess to resend info and ask for a decision by end Feb

6. CANs update (next event is 13th March)

Apologies, this was skipped on agenda. Jess notes:

- Cancelled biodiversity meeting, little uptake and SDC had to cancel in any case.
- 13th March Community energy meeting going ahead, looking really good. SACEN going well and keen to engage.
- New / mini CANs forming in Cashes Green and Standish.

7. New Directors and Kerri on comms

Kerri's references all came back and she is due to start week beginning 19th Feb. Kerri will run the TS newsletter from this point, with Jess covering socials till end Feb to make it easier for invoicing. Chris can expect an invoice for newsletter and social media from Kerri (£200 / month) from end March onwards.

Further actions:

- Kerri and Jess to meet on 21st Feb for handover and to plan 2024 comms for TS
- Jess to set meeting dates for whole of 2024 in advance