



**Annual General Meeting
24 June 2015, 7.30 pm in the Stuart Room
at the Chantry, Thornbury**

Minutes

Present: Paula Hunt, Ray and Barbara Day, Brett and Felicity Harrison, Alan and Margaret Pinder, Jerry and Val Harding, Bob and Judith Day, Marian Stephens and Jo Bonnett.

1. Apologies: from Nick and Di Barnard, Andrew Mearman and Danny Bonnett.
2. Minutes of 2014 AGM: Passed.
3. Treasurer's Report: Received.
The orchard fruit pruning workshop made a loss. The untouched part of the South Gloucester grant for the Chantry energy survey should be absorbed, but ring fenced, so that if the Chantry asked us to do an energy survey we could do it and go on from there. The current funds should last for the next few years.
4. Chairman's Report attached: Received.
5. Election of Officers:
Chairman, Margaret Pinder
Treasurer, Alan Pinder
Secretary, Brett Harrison

All were elected unanimously.
6. Review of membership fees for 2015-16: Agreed that these should remain the same-free..
7. Appointment of bank account signatories: It was agreed that these should be Alan Pinder, Margaret Pinder and Brett Harrison.
8. Brief Reports from Sustainable Thornbury Representatives:

Waste Management

South Gloucestershire appears to be doing SITA job. The new Bins and other receptacles are to be introduced. Additionally they are not recycling as much as they did. Food appears to be going into the black bins. Food can now be placed in the food waste bins in ordinary plastic bags. There is to be a competition for a voucher for £25.00 for a random black bin that does not contain food waste. It was agreed that a letter should be written concerning this as it does not appear to reward those who always put their surplus food in the food bin.

Leisure Centre field

Filnore allotments were concerned for the status of the field within the green spaces initiative. The woods and Filnore Allotments do not appear to have been included. Nor, it appears, are the Fishponds. It was decided that Brett was to send a link around the membership so that they can check what is and is not included.

Compost Site

Martin Gill of Greenwaste Management Services Ltd, Morton Farm is being paid from the £10,000 South Glos grant for taking and shredding the compost. The cost of the operation seems to be more than was budgeted for, as more than one load was taken each week initially. There does appear to be a better

balance being maintained now. Donations are, however, important, and, potentially could keep the site operational for the whole year. The sale of logs is also helping. At the end of the year it is not clear what will happen. It is expected that a grant application will be necessary to conform to South Gloucestershire's demands.

In order to be able to apply for grant aid Community Composting's constitution will need updating to include a safe-guarding and equal opportunities policy. Review end of year.

Meeting on pollinators. Jerry reported that one reason that wild flower strips are costed highly is that if there is only one large cut and it is sent to Swindon. Once a fortnight cuts stays at 7p. Compostable material costs 49p.

Orchard group: report attached

Marian reported on new status of orchard in South Glos community spaces network and improved relationship with South Glos. As a result of the Orchard report Val suggested another tree but was told that was a no go. Marian said that Mr Fruit was needed to undertake the work as we did not have the equipment. Alan said that we had money and if tools were needed we should get them.

GYOF group:report attached

9. Any other Business

The Chantry is to be booked for the 23 September to discuss where we go next.