

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

1. Clean & Green Volunteer Groups Feedback

1.1 Following an invitation from Councillor Mary Martin, eleven volunteers participated in an informal discussion on Friday 9 December 22. Groups represented were West Swindon FAB, Peatmoor Woodland, Greendown Copse, Freshbrook litter pickers, Westlea Park, The Prinnels Residents Association, Edgehill Haven, Keep Swindon Tidy and Plastic Free Swindon.

1.2 The following points were discussed:

- a) The potential benefit of sharing insurance already funded by Peatmoor Woodland group. This would cover activities outside of the Parish's remit for volunteering such as the use of power tools, tree-related work or working at height.

Action: Cllr Martin to liaise with Peatmoor Woodland

- b) The benefit of creating a register of equipment, tools and resource that are available for sharing/loan between groups and the Parish Council.

Action: West Swindon Parish Council office to liaise with groups to establish the details.

- c) General maintenance concerns; there needs to be clarity on why the Parish Council team maintain hedges the way that they do, dialogue on how this might develop or evolve, whether works in progress are left in a responsible state, consideration of environmental stewardship and consideration of different treatments for different spaces.

Action: To be highlighted for future consideration and discussion by the Parish Council

- d) Consideration of education and involvement of young people.

Action: To be highlighted for future consideration and discussion by the Parish Council and for sharing of ideas between groups represented.

- e) Promote the work of volunteers and groups on social media/website by the Parish. Eg. Through a shared webpage or promoting posts and links made by groups.

Action: To be reviewed as part of the Council's website development.

- f) To consider an opportunity to grow the clean and green base into a wider Time-Bank related activity.

Action: A report on Time Bank initiatives to be taken a future Committee meeting for awareness raising and consideration.

2. Recommendations:

2.1 That Councillors note and consider the feedback and actions proposed.

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