

April Away-day Outcomes

Session 1 - Business As Usual Updates

Darnall Planting Project: Over 200 locations have now been confirmed, with several more roads that could be surveyed if additional locations are required.

Several pots of potential funding have now been identified and are being pursued. Action: All

Amey LBAP: Sarah Simmond has a new draft and has requested another meeting with SSTP. CE to confirm date with NB. *Action: CE & NB*

Herries Road: Consultation is being undertaken for the removal of one sapling and one semi-mature tree to allow creation of pedestrian crossing. It is planned that the trees will be replaced on a 2:1 basis in the same verge. SSTP to feedback on wording of consultation. *Action: ALL*

CIP: It was agreed that CK would represent SSTP on this working group, and terms of reference have now been sent out. The intent is for the working group to achieve a consensus Ward by Ward and make recommendations to the Committee; transparency will be paramount.

Session 2 - Governance & Constitution

The main driver for this discussion is the future sustainability of the Partnership and its future funding structure; there is no deadline for these discussions. NESST has proven to be a very successful model for community planting and there are lessons here that can be built on by the Partnership.

The main outcome of this discussion was that complicated legal issues would be involved for a number of partners and so a deeper understanding of these barriers needs to be gained.

Action: SS to discuss these reflections with Birmingham Tree People against their experiences.

Action: ND to do the same with the local Rivers Trust.

Session 3 - Street Tree Wardens

The future development of the Tree Wardens group was discussed, including a name change to the group to reflect the wider range of activities undertaken. Amongst the possible names discussed, the preferred option was 'Sheffield Tree People'; this will now be discussed with the Tree Wardens.

Also discussed was the need for a more formal structure for the group, including role descriptions and a code of conduct - especially if the group were to become a charity so that grants can be sourced and allocated. There are many similar groups that we could look to for policies to benchmark ours against, including Hackney, Bristol and Birmingham Tree People.

Action: ALL to contribute similar policies from their organisations or similar groups to the shared drive before the next meeting.

Session 4 - Strategy refresh Outcome 3

'Increase the value and benefits that flow from street trees'.

This relates to the ecosystem services that accrue from planting and species selections, and are difficult to measure as the current strategy stands; the new strategy should look to address this.

It is clear that there have been significant issues delivering against this outcome as it's currently written; much of the ambition for this outcome is covered elsewhere by other actions in other outcomes, but there is a current lack of focus on actions for biodiversity . It was agreed that there would be wider discussions around the structure of the new strategy and actions to deliver a greater focus on biodiversity.