

## **GREENER GREENHILL**

**14 March 2022**

**Present:** Kay Aitch, Kate Armstrong, Gill Coghlan, Dave Collins, Geoff Cox, Tanya East, Jo Edwards, Sian Granville, Michelle Hayes, Neil Hickling, Hilary Jenkinson, Graham Marsden, Lindy Stone, Linda Whitehead, Chris Whitehouse,

1. **ACTIVITY REVIEW.** Lindy reviewed Greener Greenhill (GG) activities, including the formation of the steering group (SG) over the summer of 2021; the launch during the national Great Big Green Week in September 2021; public meetings on COP26, home energy, nature-friendly gardening; the bike repair session; the sustainable Christmas stall; and participation in tree planting events in Stone Cross Field, Greenway and Greenhill Park. At every opportunity, GG worked in partnership with other organisations, notably Beauchief Environment Group, Sheffield City Council Countryside and Parks Department, Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust and local residents.
2. **CONSTITUTION.** Hilary introduced the proposed Constitution and highlighted its main features. It was clarified that, although membership is only open to those over the age of 18 (section 4), younger people are welcome to attend and participate in events and activities. The meeting unanimously approved the Constitution and elected officers and a management committee as follows:

Chair	Lindy Stone
Secretary	Chris Whitehouse
Treasurer	Geoff Cox
Committee member	Dave Collins
Committee member	Sian Granville
Committee member	Neil Hickling
Committee member	Graham Marsden

### **3. GROUP DISCUSSION.**

#### **Recycling, reuse, repair**

1. Publicise what can be recycled locally including TerraCycle.
2. Research quality control paths for recycling chains to ensure stuff won't end up in landfill. GG could perhaps give sound recycling routes a 'quality assurance' tick.
3. Check any issues that might deem GG to be classed as a 'waste carrier' and take appropriate action to avoid this.

4. Check safe disposal of small electrical goods such as irons and if possible to seek out commercial repair places or even encourage setting up community repair shops (long term?).
5. Encourage book groups to use the local or central library that can lend multiple copies of books rather than purchasing them.
6. Remind people of lifestyle alternatives to amassing more small goods and equipment

### **Lifestyle**

This group had a wide-ranging discussion, covering consumerism, energy, public transport, active travel, etc. without reaching any firm decisions as to how to proceed.

### **Nature and green spaces group**

This group had a wide-ranging discussion, covering nature-friendly gardening, community gardens, tree planting etc in green spaces etc. without reaching any firm decisions as to how to proceed.