

Environmental Working group for Worsbrough Ward Alliance



Date & Time:	Tuesday 16th November 5.30pm
Location:	Worsbrough Library

1. Welcome and Introductions / attendees		
Chair Person:	Kath Evans (KE)	
CDO:	Michelle Toone (MT)	
Attendees	Esther Parnham (EP) Cllr Roy Bowser (RB) Cllr Lodge (JL)	
Guest:	N/A	
2. Apologies for absence		
Twiggs Cllr Clarke (JC) Gordon Smith (GS)		
3. Notes of the last meeting	Action/ Decision	Action Lead
The notes of the last meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record		MT
4. Matters arising	Action/Decision	Action lead
Cameras at Lewden The group had previously discussed the need for cameras in this area with Cllr Bowser agreeing to take this action and follow up.	RB has contact Jill Griffiths and awaits a response. Further update to be communicated via email or at the next meeting.	RB
Bins The group has requested a bin be situated at the bus stop on Park Road. MT has submitted the request to Matthew Holdroyd JL has suggested the bin on the TPT at the West street be moved further onto the tra	MT to follow up with MH. Update to be given at the next meeting	MT
Litter & Environmental Crime Strategy – update on Workshop Following the initial workshop the notes have now been circulated to attendees. A number of suggested areas of improvement have been actioned including a new webpage on the BMBC website to aid easier reporting of environmental crime. A new working group is being created to support networking amongst groups and volunteers across	KE & EP to attend the first meeting of the working group on 25 th November. An update will be given at the next meeting.	KE / EP

	<p>the borough. The working groups will include Individuals and representatives from groups who will help co produce the environmental strategy moving forward.</p> <p>Feedback from attendees also included more equipment available for volunteers and devising a better method of counting the contribution from groups and individuals.</p>		
	<p>Mill Academy banking A61</p> <p>RB updated on behalf of JC. Work is due to start imminently on this site.</p> <p>KE to report further fly tipping on this site.</p>		JC / KE
	<p>Weeding Programme</p> <p>The weeding programme has come to a close for this year</p>	N/A	N/A
	<p>Christmas Tree update</p> <p>EP advised everything is on track for the installation of the trees. EP Suggested Worsbrough could have an official switch on date (potentially 25th November) as is being done in some other areas.</p>	<p>EP to liaise with Paul Hamby to arrange.</p> <p>MT to do the snagging list for Worsbrough Village once the trees are installed</p>	EP/ MT
5. Twiggs update			
	<p>Twiggs submitted apologies for the meeting so no update available.</p> <p>Upcoming activities: The group discussed upcoming Twiggs led volunteering opportunities. The alleyways at Elms dale and Bankend are currently being advertised. The group asked how Twiggs identified which areas to work on.</p> <p>SLA/ Areas of priority: WTG has put together a suggested list of areas that can be covered by Twiggs on days they are not working with volunteers</p>	<p>MT to contact twiggs for update and share suggested locations for priority.</p>	MT / Twiggs
6. WISH Stones			
	<p>Volunteers from WTG, WISH group, Twiggs, WA and MT did a site visit to each of the stones to determine if it is possible for the group to produce a walking guide. The stones are currently only accessible to those that are confident and able walkers. A significant amount of work would need to be undertaken to make the stones accessible to the general public. MT proposed that a plan be devised with short, medium and long term goals agreed.</p>	<p>MT to determine who owns the land. JL suggested it could be the Coal Authority or UK Coal.</p> <p>Once ownership has been established the group can include the project in the action plan if permissions are granted to carry out improvements to the areas surrounding the stones.</p>	MT
7. Action Plan/ Priorities for next 6 months			
	<p>Telecom boxes</p> <p>Further to previous discussions JL to share contact details for BT Open Reach so MT can get relevant permissions</p>		JL / MT

	<p>Worsbrough Tidy Group Dates 2023</p> <p>EP & KE circulated list of proposed dates and locations for 2023. Clarity needed for the priority areas of work and if these are additional dates.</p> <p>EP & KE have put together a questionnaire for WTG members to provide feedback on their experience and suggests moving forward.</p>	<p>MT to get clarity from TWIGGS</p> <p>EP & KE to update results at next meeting</p>	<p>MT</p> <p>KP & KE</p>
	<p>School Engagement</p> <p>KE to recontact primary schools after Christmas to look at further partnership working opportunities.</p>		<p>KE</p>
9. AOB			
12. Date & time of next meetings			
	TBA		