

MINUTES AND ACTIONS OF CAVERSHAM GLOBE MEETING held 4 November 2010 - 7.15pm, Church House, Caversham.

Attendees: Peter Trout (Chair), Jennifer Millest, Dave Kenny, Richard Denney, Margaret Skinner, Judith Barratt, Jean Newbery, Stuart Sutcliffe, Malcolm Moye. Councillor Tom Stanway (Lead Member for Culture & Sport, Reading Borough Council). Councillor Dave Luckett, Ben Stanesby RBC Head of Parks & Open Spaces.

Apologies: Isobel Ballsdon

1. **Talk by Earley Environment Group** Our guest speaker Alan Broodbank gave us an interesting talk about their work, which is centred on Maiden Earleigh Lake, with an emphasis mainly on flora, fauna and the group's planting, clearance & community activities to preserve and develop the nature reserve for the benefit of local people and wildlife. Their "Adopt a Street Initiative" has over 70 residents signed up to do litter pick and related care once a week to keep the area tidy. Caversham GLOBE should be inspired by what we heard and will be considering some activities as a result.
2. **Minutes of 2 September meeting** agreed for publication, as amended. (NB No October meeting took place).
3. **RBC Parks and open spaces items:**
 - Clayfield Copse – concern about the roots of oak trees by the tennis court/car park being affected by bank of soil. Still awaiting response from RBC who have been asked to check the authorised boundary and the proximity of trees to ascertain likely affect on long term health of the oaks. **Ben Stanesby will follow up and let us know.**
 - Jennifer Millest reported that she had been informed at a recent CADRA meeting that the existing lease of a small area of Warren Woodlands owned by RBC is due to expire. Discussed and noted but no action by GLOBE.
 - Dave Kenny reported that he had met with Ruth Shelton from RBC about Hill's Meadow landscaping plan & will invite Ruth to attend next GLOBE meeting so this can be discussed more fully. **Dave to arrange.**
 - Dave reported that he contacted RBC about one of the Caversham Road Plane trees that looked as if it had been poisoned. Police have been informed.
4. **RBC Planning Matters:**
 - Planning application 10/01846/OUT at 2a, 4, 6 Kidmore Road for houses and access road – Dave Kenny reported that a mature TPO'd pine tree and other woodland habitat is threatened & that GLOBE should object to this application. **Dave will follow up.**
5. **Finance Matters – no items this month**
6. **Talk by Earley Environment Group.** GLOBE to discuss investing in display boards and other GLOBE branded resources for our activities. **Richard to investigate sources & prices for further consideration.**
7. **GLOBE Correspondence/activities this month.**
 - Email from RBC about Tree Warden Scheme – **Dave plans to attend meeting**
 - Email from RBC about CFL (technical name for low energy light bulb) collection scheme that GLOBE could set up in our area similar to our Battery Collection Scheme **Richard to investigate feasibility**
 - St Martins Precinct Trees: A twin stemmed TPO Sycamore has recently been felled near the recycling bins. Dave had spoken to Planning staff who are in discussion with the precinct owners about replacing it.
 - Andy Gillespie (RBC) had advised that a dead beech tree in Beech Wood at top of Grove Hill was due to be felled on safety grounds. After discussion with Cllr Ballsdon it was agreed to leave about 12 ft of the tree standing as wildlife habitat.
 - Update on Caversham Cemetery, Victoria Road: Gates have now been painted; brambles cut back; but rubbish bins not emptied since Globe cleared them during the March RESCUE event (Tom Stanway to follow up. UPDATE: Bins have now been emptied)
 - Oxon Minerals & Waste Development Framework: Letter from Oxon County Council advising that preferred strategy for Mineral Extraction is to concentrate on existing sites (including Caversham) if these can meet extraction requirements. New proposed sites had included Mapledurham to which Globe had objected. This site not specifically mentioned in the letter. Preferred minerals strategy will go to cabinet in February with public consultation in Spring 2011 (we need to keep an eye on this).
8. **Caversham Centenary** Jennifer informed the meeting that as 1911 was the year that Caversham became part of Reading Borough, RBC and some community groups are planning to commemorate that in 2011. **Discussed and agreed that GLOBE would commit to this. Richard to contact CADRA to obtain details and give our commitment.**
9. **AOB.** There is a TREGA (GLOBE Alliance) meeting on 15 November. Richard will attend. 2 Dates for litter picking – 8 & 22 November.
10. **Future meeting dates** – 2 December 2010 Church House at 7.15 pm. – Guest Ruth Shelton RBC re Hill's Meadow landscaping plans

**Next GLOBE meeting on Thursday 2 December at 7.15pm in Church House,
59 Church Street, Caversham. Guest Speaker from RBC. All welcome.**