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BPF Meeting 31st January

The agenda for our next meeting is now on the website at www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/meetings

Green Capital Launch

Bristol will mark the start of its year in the spotlight as European Green Capital in spectacular style, with a daring high wire stunt and opening ceremony. The outdoor event is open to the public, free of charge, and will take place at 7pm on Saturday 24th January.

Read more in the latest update from the Green Capital Partnership here: www.tinyurl.com/mr19sha

The Partnership want to hear from member organisations to make sure that the re-designed Partnership website which will be launched at the end of the month has the latest news and information from the actions groups and the organisations who are part of it.

Do you have relevant sustainability news, announcements, call-outs or interesting pieces of content that you would like to share with the Partnership network?

Are you seeking a Tree Champion, know of a great nature related funding opportunity, have an job vacancy in your organisation, have recently won an award for your sustainability, or are launching a new initiative, project or campaign that you want other organisations in the sustainability field to hear about? For those of you who have been awarded funding and have press releases available can you please include Vicki on the distribution.

Content submitted will also be used for newsletters & social media. Please include an image and/or logo. E-mail to vicki@bgcpartnership.org.

If your organisation is not a member of the Partnership then send any information to me and we will send it with other BPF news.

Green Capital Small Grants

Please be aware that the Round 2 Small Grants are now online: www.tinyurl.com/l6tswuk

The deadline for applications is 27 February 2015.

This grants fund has been established by the Bristol 2015 Company in order to support activity during Bristol Green Capital year. Grants of up to £10,000 will be awarded to projects that empower Bristol's citizens to live sustainably.

The board has agreed that this round will be focused on the Bristol 2015 outcomes that have received the least amount of funding across the neighbourhood, small and strategic grants. Eligible projects will be:

1. Projects that help residents reduce food waste in the home
2. Projects that promote use of solar energy
3. Projects that reduce wasted food
4. Projects that increase the use of public transport
5. Projects that help reduce litter in public places

There is a total of £75,000 available for this round. So, although applications for up to £10,000 will still be accepted, the panel will be keen to receive applications at lower amounts up to £5000.00

Rosemary Green

You may have seen or heard on BBC Bristol earlier in the week about the burial ground for the Workhouse on Fishponds Rd which the Bristol Radical History Group has been researching. This is now under Rosemary Green which is one of Bristol's parks, you can see it on the Council's mapping system here www.tinyurl.com/prpmjpn under the official name of 'East Park Housing'. Use the 'browse old maps' panel top right to look at the 1880s & 1900s maps to see the burial ground marked.

The TV programme can be seen on iPlayer at www.tinyurl.com/kvf3mxb it starts at 19min. See also www.brh.org.uk/site/articles/rosemary-green-burial-ground-data/

Bristol Pollinators Strategy

A message from Katherine Baldock (University of Bristol) who we hope will be at our April meeting.

Over the last few months seven partner organisations have been working together to develop the Greater Bristol Pollinator Strategy - a document setting out shared aims and goals to promote insect pollinator conservation and habitat creation in the Greater Bristol area (i.e. including the parts of the city that fall under South Gloucestershire Council).

We are aware that there are already a lot of activities relating to pollinators taking place in Bristol as well as many planned for 2015. We would like to link all organisations and activities together to provide a more joined-up approach to pollinator conservation across the city.

Today we launched a consultation on a draft version of the strategy. Please see www.bristol.ac.uk/news/2015/january/get-bristol-buzzing.html for more information. And visit this website to access the strategy and consultation.

The aim of this consultation is to get feedback from all of the stakeholders - i.e. organisations and individuals including yourselves - to help shape the strategy and also find out about activities currently underway or in the pipeline.

We would be very grateful if you could complete the online survey (the survey link can be accessed from the website) so that we can collate all of this information to create the final version of the Greater Bristol Pollinator Strategy.

Please could you also forward this email on to those in your networks and encourage them to complete the survey!

Some other key points for those interested in pollinator conservation and activities:

1. We plan to invite all pollinator-related activities taking place in 2015 and in the future to be part of the "Get Bristol Buzzing!" initiative to link activities across the city. We are planning a Get Bristol Buzzing website with a map that shows where activities are taking place. So please tell us about your projects and plans in the survey so that we can contact you about these in due course. We'd like to know about anything taking place, including flower meadows sown in public areas.
2. On 9th February we will be holding a Bristol Pollinator Summit comprising invited speakers and workshops at At Bristol to explain more about the strategy and develop plans for pollinators in Bristol. This workshop is directed at organisations rather than individual gardeners. If you are an organisation or business that would like to attend and haven't already received an invite to the summit please contact Tim Barsby (tim.barsby@foe.co.uk) for more details.
3. Following the summit we will collate all feedback from the survey and the summit workshops to create the final version of the strategy document. We are planning to set up a Bristol Pollinator Forum so that interested groups and individuals can meet on a regular basis to share information, participate in workshops and make further plans to help bees and other pollinating insects in Bristol. If you would like to be part of the Pollinator Forum please complete the strategy survey, indicate your interest in joining this group and we will let you know when the first meeting will be held once the date is confirmed.

Best wishes,

Katherine Baldock (University of Bristol)

on behalf of the Greater Bristol Pollinator Network partners:

Avon Wildlife Trust
Bristol City Council
Bristol Friends of the Earth
Buglife
South Gloucestershire Council
University of Bristol
University of the West of England

NP City Wide Event

Most park groups are involved with their Neighbourhood Partnerships so you are probably aware of the planned city wide event for those from different Partnerships to exchange ideas and information,

but in case you are not then, it is at Circomedia on the 7th February at 9.30am until 4pm.

The booking site is at www.tinyurl.com/o6n4472 or contact Hayley.Ash@bristol.gov.uk for more information.

Love Saves the Day

As you may have seen in the press Love Saves the Day is planning on holding its event at Eastville Park instead of Castle Park this year.

They have applied for a Premises Licence, details are:

Applicant name: TDR Productions Limited

Premises: Love Saves The Day 2015, Eastville Park, Fishponds Road, Eastville

Application received date: 20 January 2015

Application ref number: 14/05453/PREM

Proposed relevant licensable activities to be carried on or from the premises:

Sale of Alcohol Saturday and Sunday 11:00 - 23:00

Live Music Saturday and Sunday 11:00 - 23:30

Recorded Music Saturday and Sunday 11:00 - 23:30

Opening hours applied for:

Saturday and Sunday 11:00 - 23:30

The record of the application may be inspected at Bristol City Council, Licensing Authority, Princess House, Princess Street, Bedminster, Bristol BS3 4AG, between 9.00 am and 4.00 pm Mon – Friday with the exception of Wednesdays when it may be inspected between 9.00 am and 3.00 pm.

Persons who live, or are involved in a business, in the Bristol City Council licensing authority's area and who are likely to be affected by the proposed application may make representation to the relevant Licensing Authority by 16 February 2015 (which shall be no less than 28 consecutive days starting on the day after the day on which the application was given to the Licensing Authority) such representation shall be made in writing.

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application, the maximum fee for which a person is liable assuming conviction for the offence is level 5 on the standard scale.

You can contact the Licensing office at the above address or licensing@bristol.gov.uk 0117 914 2500

See also the Friends of Eastville Park Facebook Group at www.facebook.com/groups/eastvillepark

New West of England Plan

Having got most of the Bristol Local Plan (originally called the Bristol Development Framework) nearly completed, it seems we are starting again with a new plan...

The four authorities of Bath and North East Somerset, Bristol City, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Councils are preparing a new planning strategy for the West of England.

The new plan, the Joint Strategic Planning Strategy, will identify the number of new homes and jobs to be planned for in the West of England between 2016 and 2036. It will establish how new homes and employment floorspace will be distributed across the four authorities, identifying broad locations to accommodate the new development requirements. The Joint Strategic Planning Strategy will also inform the four authorities' future Local Plans which will deal with detailed policy development and allocations.

A document has been produced www.tinyurl.com/n4tfy3r which sets out the intended scope and process for preparing the Joint Strategic Planning Strategy. Comments are welcomed and should be sent to the West of England Office:

- Email: planning@westofengland.org or
- Post: Joint Strategic Planning Strategy, West of England Office, Engine Shed, Station Approach, Temple Meads, Bristol, BS1 6QH.

The closing date for comments is 6th March 2015.

If you are on the mailing list for the Bristol Local Plan you should have received an email about this, if not and you want to receive future information email blp@bristol.gov.uk and ask to be added to their database.

Free litter pickers

Zilch are offering free litter pickers to volunteers, see www.zilch.org.uk/Litter-picker.html Thank you to 'Captain Tidy' on twitter for the link.

Rob Acton-Campbell
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Bristol Parks Forum
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Meeting dates for 2015: 31 Jan - 18 Apr - 27 June - 10 Oct (all at Windmill Hill City Farm)