

Friends of the Avon New Cut (FrANC)

Committee meeting held on 7 October 2022 at Tess and Roy's house

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	<i>Item</i>	<i>What was discussed, agreed and any actions</i>	<i>Action by</i>
1.	Those present	Tim Wickstead, John Holland, Guy Malkerson, Liz Payze, Tess Green, Roy Gallop, Ed Hall, Laura Demery, Lizzi Testani <i>Apologies for absence:</i> Bridget Everett, Rob Fuller	-
2.	Minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2022	Most actions completed or linked to items below.	
3.	Treasurer's report (Laura)	Laura explained that FrANC now has two bank accounts as problems with NatWest when it came to switching Treasurers resulted in a new account being opened with Lloyds. Once funds from the NatWest account are transferred, this account will be left empty. <i>Current position - £715.69 in NatWest; £250 in Lloyds.</i> Guy will continue to settle bills from his own bank account and be reimbursed from FrANC. Laura as new treasurer to be confirmed at the AGM Tim to send a card to thank Steve Fay for his diligent and reliable work as outgoing Treasurer.	TW
4.	Annual General Meeting: to agree a date, venue and topic	Tim reported that Underfall Yard will let us use their meeting room (there may be a charge). Instead of a guest speaker, Tim suggested that we go for a walk following the business meeting, although this will depend on the weather. Date: Sunday 4 December, 14.00 at Underfall Yard. Tim to check availability of the venue.	TW
5.	Litter Picking – to agree dates for remainder of 2022 and into 2023	The following dates were agreed: 12 November (meet at Vauxhall Bridge), 10 December (meet at Bedminster Bridge) – then 14 January, 11 February and 11 March 2023 (starting points to be confirmed). John to complete the Health and Safety form and return to Steve Clampin (BCC).	JH
6.	Butterfly Junction Project: progress update; future funding	All going well. Success with application for the 'Secret Gardens' grant of £300. A further application is being made to 'The Gardens Trust' and Guy also is looking into the 'Street Trees' initiative and plans to attend an upcoming webinar. From 5 to 20 volunteers attend on a regular basis. Work is underway to clear the two sides of the walkway beyond the tunnel. Cherry trees donated by Riverside Garden Centre should be ready for collection at the end of October. Thanks to Guy and Liz for organising all this and for keeping up the momentum.	
7.	Signs project	Tim explained that for various reasons he has been unable to pursue this and it ties in with his decision to step down as Chair of FrANC. He plans to discuss the future of the project with Rob Fuller and see if there is a possible way forward. Tess, as a contributor, asked what has become of the 'texts' which have already been drafted; Tim circulated a copy of the list and will email this to the group.	TW

		If the project can progress, Lizzi suggested having a signs workshop at the AGM and offered to act as contact with Rob.	
8.	'It's Your Neighbourhood': latest news	John gave a brief overview of the assessor's visit on 6 July. Our understanding that we will be notified of the outcome in the autumn – no news as yet.	
9.	Duke of Edinburgh - again	Tim reported that another parent has asked if their son and a friend can organise their own litter pick – Tim to sign this off in due course for the DofE assessment.	
10.	Committee update	As Tim is standing down at the AGM, we need to find someone to take over as Chair. Tim to email all FrANC members and also explain that nominations for all the committee posts will be taken, voted on and recorded at the AGM.	
11.	Any other business	After discussion it was agreed that we return to calling this group The Committee instead of Steering Group so that its purpose is clear.	
12.	Date/time/place of next Committee meeting	Friday 18 November 14.00 - 15.30 <i>Venue: Laura's house – 17 Bathurst Parade.</i>	All to note