Greater Brislington Together Secretary/ Annual report.

Autumn 2021 saw the return of face to face meetings,

In October we hosted in St Annes House “red room” for the first time since Bricks took over.

Conham bathing came and presented the results of the survey and water quality testing and to explain about the hope to apply for designated water bathing status.

A break out session on supporting high streets post covid and ideas for applications for the Welcome back funding.

As a result of the meeting 4 applications were submitted, 3 successful, and Greater Brislington Together ran a mouse trail in Dec 2021 and community market in March 2022.

Spring saw 3 events supporting local groups applying for Community Infrastructure Levy of which community led priority indicated how 15% of such funding is spent.

Andy Coogan from FOBB presented at the first meeting on their experiences and successes for local projects.

We attended the March Brislington and St Anne’s Repair Café as an informal drop in and advice point,

And in June held a 36 hour consultation window with online Zoom, face to face and sharable public survey. With 12 projects put forward. This resulted in apparently record amounts of engagement with over 270 participants.

Due to the level of support shown Newbridge road traffic calming was taken forward as the community priority but 3 other projects (with lower costs) were also taken forward, - wick road, safer school was combined with the Newbridge rod bid. Brislington Cricket Club changing room improvements and a biodiversity improvement at Arnos Court park.

Away from public meetings we continued to seek engagements at BrizDay with Friends of Eastwood Farm, St Anne’s community picnic, and Victory Park community fun day in the school holidays, which we were able to co host and support, with face painting activities, insurance and event licencing. The Brislington Green Trail walking route was used as part of the walking fest in May.

The Brislington Village Community market was extended to 3 sessions due to underspending as table hire and support was provided by local businesses. There is a meeting on the 30th November for anyone interested on future plan and steps for a community market. We are again facilitating funding for events in this space, allowing for the greatest amount of community engagement and local benefit.

As we move into a possible winter of worries GBT have been working with the welcoming spaces and food club and bank support and have provided local signposting information for sharing.

We are again running the Mouse trial, continue to have information on our website with a more up to date events page.

And in January hope to start hosting meetings that allow for networking and support as well as the engaging with decision making we undertake.

We do need help, ideally an additional communication officer, secretary, and assistant treasurer

3 members of our current committee are happy to continue

Dougal as web officer and wildlife champion

Rob as Treasurer

Penny as Chair

We really need a secretary in order to be able to continue to apply for funding.

We also need to approve the safeguarding policy that was drafted this year.

Our January meeting Saturday 14th 11am-2pm including lunch will be about connections and planning together.

In the mean time we will continue with 3 key areas:

Supporting our local high streets

Supporting Protecting Brislington meadows

Growing connections and compassion for everyone in Greater Brislington