

Autumn 2021 Newsletter

Annual Meeting

Until our annual meeting on September 25th TMAEG had held no indoor meetings of any size since our winter social in February 2020 – a period of some 17 months.

Unsurprisingly, there was an atmosphere of conviviality, with members pleased to meet up with old friends after so long a break.



The 'icing on the cake' was the tempting spread of cakes and scones prepared by our excellent catering team – Marjorie Jackson, Pat Brown and team leader Margaret Parrott, who had made and decorated a splendid birthday cake to celebrate our 10th Anniversary. The refreshments were served with tea and coffee after the business meeting. Thank you, ladies!



Andrew Stockbridge on the V4 Underpass

And earlier on members were able to see that their local group has been far from idle. We have managed – just about!- to keep up with the maintenance of TMAEG's various sites and we have been active on two larger fronts, the issue of the V4 underpass and the Bluebell Circuit. On the former, our member Andrew Stockbridge spoke about his impressive work with affected Burewelle residents, and on the Circuit a photo update will follow.

The meeting also saw the departure of Stan Cohen as Chairman of the TMAEG committee after a spell of four years having extended his tenure by one year because of the unprecedented circumstances. Not only has he been an excellent chair but he has also been very active across the entire field of TMAEG including the volunteering that he wrote about in the previous newsletter. We thank him most warmly for all his care and his wisdom.



Presentation to Stan Cohen by Chris Gossop

We are very fortunate that Stan is staying on the committee.

The new committee is as follows: Chris Gossop (Secretary); Chris Cuff (Treasurer); Stan Cohen, Pavla Gossop, Chris Monk (Committee members). No new Chair was elected and the new committee has opted to rotate this role between themselves for now.

We thank Anne Murrin who retired from the committee earlier this year – we are delighted that she will continue with project work.

Bluebell Circuit

Good progress is now being made in filling the links, as we show in these photos. Here we see:



The 'barrow gang', led by Brian Lindsay (centre) that transported the readymix concrete.

The westernmost of the 'L' shaped footings that between them will support the bridge superstructure.



The steel framework that will connect the two sides of the stream and itself support the bridge deck and sides (to a design by Chris Cuff).



Garden by Brian and Suzanne Lindsay
– source David Barratt

Two Mile Ash Open Gardens 2022 will take place on the weekend of 11th-12th June. Put it in your diary now. We have already been offered 6 full gardens and 2 front gardens, but we need to put on a really good show next year. If you've put extra love into your garden over the past year and would like to share it with us, do consider offering it.

Past Gardeners have enjoyed the experience and there is the opportunity to hold a small fund-raiser for your own favourite charity – teas? cakes? books? plants? To offer yours, or ask a question, contact pavlagossop17@outlook.com

Use this link to take a look at past [Open Gardens](#) especially the 2020 Gallery, our Virtual Tour, for inspiration.



Membership

To date 34 households have renewed their membership subscription, for which we are very grateful. October marks the beginning of Year 11, so now is the ideal time to renew!

For us the simplest method is to use Bank Transfer (Account Name: Two Mile Ash Environmental Group; Sort Code: 30-96-26; Account Number: 56 93 54 68) In the Reference Box put "Sub 2022/Donation" as applicable.

Alternatively, a cheque payable to "Two Mile Ash Environmental Group" or cash, together with relevant details, can be dropped off at 15 Stonehill, Two Mile Ash, MK8 8DN. A receipt will be issued in due course.

Household membership remains at £5 – as it did 10 years ago, good value, we believe.

COP26 Glasgow

This vital United Nations event is fast approaching. Your Secretary, Chris Gossop, will be attending it as an official observer, on behalf of the international planning organisation ISoCARP.

You can find out more about COP26 here:

