**Sunderland Green Spaces (SGS) Forum – notes of 28thNovember 2017 meeting**

1. **Present:**  Jackie Wayman, Friends of Backhouse Park; Mary Todner , Friends of Backhouse Park; Victor Cadaxa ,*Friends of Herrington Park (FOHCP)*; David Newrick, *Sustainable Sunderland*; Allan Rowell, Transition Sunderland ; Gillan Gibson CPRE; Graeme Jobes, *Transition Sunderland; Paul Bickle, Grow Sunderland,* Tim Wright (Chair), *Friends of Barnes Park,* Victor Cadaxa, *FoHCP; Peter Nailon, Wear Rivers Trust; Laura Tedstone, Durham Wildlife Trust*

**Apologies:** Kathy Pickering, Claire Wayman, Ashley Sutherland, Margaret Smith, Allan Spencer, Ann Huntley

1. **Minutes of 26th September 2017 Meeting:** agreed as a true record.
2. **Matters arising:**Peter Nailon from Wear Rivers Trust pointed out that the Terms of Reference does not adequately cover ‘Blue Spaces’ . It was agreed that an amendment to the terms of reference be produced by Peter and put forward for approval to the forum.
3. **Grow Sunderland – Siglion Site and launch with Paul Brickle**: Paul presented an introduction to the site which is to be called ‘Earth Care Garden’. He is currently awaiting the final agreement for the land from Siglion but this is imminent. The garden will be based upon permaculture principles and is set to be open by the summer of 2018. It was agreed that the forum would support wherever possible and Paul will keep the forum updated.
4. **Sunderland City Council’s Management of Allotment and Parks (Ian Richardson speaker – non attendee):** Tim confirmedIan Richardson cannot attend tonight. It has been proposed that all of the council team attend the Green Spaces February meeting to discuss the implications of the current budget for allotments and parks.
5. **Core Strategy and Development Plan:- Gillan Gibson CPRE provided and update to the group , after which the Forum discussed the following points:-**
* Group encouraged to look out for updates and notifications in respect to the plan. Join email list.
* Allocations Plan -expected summer 2018. The check the position at allocation point following Core Strategy.
* Peter suggested we need to conscious of the impact of building on river and riverside habitats. This is in context of contaminated land and flood risks.
* Suggested we – as forum – share any news in relation to any building on greenbelt green sites.
1. **SGS Bank Account:** Account to be set up as soon as possible.
2. **Open Space:**
* Allan Rowell confirmed two events on Saturday the 2nd December: Permaculture Ambassadors gathering at Hendon Natural Community Garden 10-12 and Tree Dressing at Backhouse Park 1-3pm.
* Durham Wildlife Trust – asked for individuals to collect pledges for ‘My Wildlife Sunderland’. It was confirmed that the link will be emailed to the group to share to friends / colleagues for signature.

<http://durhamwt.com/mywildsunderland/>

* Tim Wright proposed that future Forum meetings should work on a theme / topic basis. Everyone agreed this was a good idea.
* Gillan commented on the impact of GDPR on charities and groups who hold personal information on contact lists. GDPR – General Data Protection Regulations come into force in spring 2018 where ‘legitimate reasons’ must be evidenced as to why a group hold personal details. Further discussion required as to how this will work in practice.
1. **AOB:** None

**Date, time & venue for meetings:**

* 1. 13/3/18 – Parks & allotments, Ian Richardson & team, SCC, provisionally Chesters
	2. 5/6/18 – Blue infrastructure (Peter Nailon, Wear Rivers Trust), provisionally the Chesters
	3. 11/9/18 –AGM, provisionally the Chesters
	4. 27/11/18– Local Development Plan/Core Strategy update –Clive Greenwood, SCC, provisionally the Chesters