

Inner North East Environment Sub Group Monday 29th October The Reginald Centre

Present: Councillor Sharon Hamilton and Councillor Ghulam Hussain, Nicola Denson, Mick Johnson, Andrew Gibson, Mike Kinnaird and Steve Vowles.

Apologies: Councillor Mohammed Rafique, John Woolmer and Hayley Thackwray.

		ACTION
1.0	Welcome and Apologies	
1.1	All were welcomed to the meeting and apologies were received as above.	
2.0	Minutes of Last Meeting – 2 nd August 2012	
2.1	The minutes were agreed as a correct record.	
2.2	Litter education – Cllr H raised the issue of a leaflet to inform residents but it was agreed that a general piece should be written that can be inserted into newsletter and noticeboards etc to raise awareness of people's responsibilities. SV also agreed that the EAT could put something in the quarterly newsletter.	WJ
3.0	Environmental Delegation	
3.1	MJ reported that the deleafing has started and is going well. Since 15 th Oct (2 weeks) they have removed 7 ton of leaves. They have covered maps 1-4 so far but if there are any areas that need urgent attention Cllrs should email and the crews will be diverted. The deleafing this year will also run for an additional few weeks so it last 17 weeks.	Noted
4.0	Parks and Countryside	
4.1	MK reported that 66% of sites in INE meet Green Flag standards, with Norma Hutchinson park having achieved this status since last year. Gledhow Valley Woods scored low for litter on the assessment. ND to contact the Friends to ascertain the problem and see if probation can help.	ND
4.2	Looking forward to next year consultation is taking place at Tropical World to look at possible improvements, Oakwood Clock and the surrounding area needs work and new community orchards are being planning including at Meanwood Park and Chapeltown. Food growing and fruit trees are becoming a more popular venture and is	Noted

	encouraged through Feed Leeds and Redhall nursery have starter kits for communities interested.	Noted
4.3.	Allerton Grange fields has not yet been declared surplus by Children's Services but when it is it may come under Parks and Countryside remit.	Noted
5.0	ENEHL Grounds Maintenance	
5.1	SV reported that the number of complaints with grounds maintenance are pretty similar to number received last year which is good given the change in contractor. There has been increased grass cutting, shrub bed maintenance and monitoring however.	Noted
	Continental have been great at attending community meetings to talk to residents and the final cut will now be done in mid November to allow a good starting point for 2013.	Noted
	The contract will now be managed by Parks and Countryside.	Noted
6.0	Any Other Business	
6.1	Shopping centres – it was agreed that concentration on the environment around shopping centres and encouraging In Bloom groups covering all shopping areas should be a priority for the forthcoming year.	Agreed
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	around shopping centres and encouraging In Bloom groups covering all shopping areas should be a priority for the forthcoming year. Parking on Verges – a discussion took place on the great work being done by the residents of Stainburn Road and it was agreed, where appropriate, this should be encouraged. SV also reported that they are tackling similar	