

## Environment –NOTES

### What actions would you like to see to address these issues?

Broomhill – last summer several of us spoke to officers and councillors regarding pollution, car speed, traffic, crossings along Fulwood and Manchester Road – made worse by private school drop offs and collections. Lots of comms but no action from the LA. Question is when are we going to see some action on this?

Broomhill cleaning - we used to have a council worker who cleaned the Broomhill area – he was regular and part of the community and had pride in his work. That presence was good from a community perspective and good for cleanliness. This has now stopped and is missed – understand this is due to council cuts.

Hillsborough – how will the LACs address the climate and nature emergencies? When we talk about cleaning can we consider clean air? Hillsborough Corner and Malin Bridge have poor air quality. Attendee would be happy to volunteer to help with initiatives. Local food and without pesticides is important. Having a clean healthy environment for people is very important. Social prescriptions are a good idea.

(Parks Representative spoke at this point to talk about initiatives for ecology in Hillsborough Park. Have stopped using glycosphate in parks in grassland and shrubs. There will be a change in how we manage parks – aiming to do things differently.)

Botanical Gardens - supports earlier speakers' thoughts about the environmental issue – need some teeth and action behind the climate and nature emergencies. There is an urgency here. Where are the solar panels on council buildings?

Botanical Gardens - noise pollution – noise from student parties is a real issue. There is a forum with unis and community groups which has been set up but this is very slow – 3 months to get one meeting. Maybe need to look at density of HMOs in some areas.

(Community Services Officer spoke at this point to talk wider about the forum.)

Botanical Gardens – when delivering leaflets there are always rats in the student households in Nether Edge, around the Stalker Leas Road, Cemetery Avenue, Rosedale. Attendee hasn't had any response to query put into council.

Walkley - love parks and green spaces but is concerned about the small pockets of green which are not under council control. Friends of Matlock Green (under Housing) feel that the Green is open to be developed. So many little green pockets which could be at risk. Would like to see a wider use of the local green spaces – maybe include this in the community plan. Would like Matlock Green to be protected without having to go through the lengthy process of applying for village green status. Please assess all these small pockets of green land – find out who owns them and put together policy about preserving these as local green space.

(Cllr Paszek speaks about a successful village green status application and recommends this as probably the best route.)

(Environmental Services Manager explains who he is and asks for more info about the rats in Nether Edge.)

Central – rats in the Solley Street flat areas. Council cleans the area really well but since the pandemic this has not been done as much.

Central - students making ASB at nighttime.

Central - fly tipping – cars and vans into entrance of Edward Street flats. Need CCTV.

Central – traffic is a problem. Some of the roads have been closed – Alma St. Streets closed which means that cars can't get where they want to so traffic jams happen which causes more air pollution and traffic is forced onto other roads.

Sharrowvale - as a member of Sheffield Litter pickers, feel that popular shopping areas such as Sharrowvale should have more council street cleaners.

Sharrowvale – would like the mechanism re planting more trees to be better promoted.

Would like Sheffield recycling to be increased – other LAs allow more types of rubbish to be recycled.

Traffic – would support active travel networks such as the one planned for Crookes. Would like this to be expanded to include South Road in Walkley. School streets also a good idea and would remove traffic.

Parks and trees – would like that the planning process to go above and beyond national guidelines in terms of environmental issues – electric charge points, bike storage, electric bike storage etc. Often new builds are in places which are currently green spaces and pocket parks and if they have to go for new housing then at least the environmental design needs to be good.

Litter picker – would like recycling bins alongside litter bins.

(An attendee asked if we have more innovative ways of engaging other than breakout rooms. Also concerned about the lack of diversity of the attendees.)