Eco-Neighbourhoods Action Plan & Audit 2015

Old Moat and Withington

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The following actions were developed by attendees of the workshops. Some organisations and individuals that were not in attendance were suggested as action leads, and so their involvement in those actions is included in suggested contact and is subject to further discussions with them.

Project idea	Who? Or suggested contact	Timescale	Resources	Suggested next steps
Create an Old Moat and Withington green trail / health walk	Southways within their estates and in partnership with MCC Regeneration, TfGM, Friends of Fallowfield Loop, Walk on the Wild side, Sow the City, Social landlords, Withington Civic Society. Link to existing walking groups and paths.	Plan and map by the end of 2015 (more thought needed as to where and how it's going to be created). Identify capital requirements and budget (crossings, benches, trees, signage) Need to secure funding.	Group 1: Sponsorship (e.g. B&Q, Homebase) RRF may know of suitable funding streams. Possible community infrastructure levy (if there is nearby development). Community payback. Group 2: Heritage Lottery / Landfill Tax / Awards for All Possibly Peter de Haan CT Incredible Edible Fallowfield trail - link	Southway to set up a meeting to develop further and promote to local groups and those suggested. Develop a plan and apply for funding.
Explore the possibility of having solar panels on community groups' buildings – with the aim of creating an investment fund	10:10 project Schools Community Groups via Community Guardians Carbon Co-op	Aspirational	Crowd funding / community shares. Connect with Pete Abel's project St John's Sunshine (spoke at Gorton workshop). Greater Manchester Community Renewables Ltd (GMCR) may be able to support and give advice.	Need to identify a local community group/building /school with solar potential to lead. Contact GMCR
Get more people (older, low income, students, private landlords) growing food and composting	Students – MMU and UOM Private landlords – MSH Schools Sow the City and Old Moat Greenies	Medium term	Find a space to bring people together for a community garden. Source funding to build paid staff and infrastructure to roll out garden growing on a larger scale. Esme Fairbairn Global Futures	Contact at UOM a.clark@manchester.ac.uk

			MLP Volunteers Forever Manchester Accreditation scheme for private landlords Apply to Growing Manchester for support.	
Clean up rolling programme to tackle litter	Involve schools and link to MCCs 'Little Hands..' scheme MCC Southways environmental team (Green Spaces) Community Guardians Businesses Community Payback Friends of Old Moat Park Refuse collection teams University and student landlords Student Union / Green Soc	Get people together Create initial plan Inventory of skill sets Go out on a first event Build from there	Signage MCCs 'Little Hands…' scheme Refuse firms' community grant funding (BIFFA / Veolia?) Clean City pot for resources e.g. litter pickers. Social Media - like 'Don't be a Tosser' campaign in Australia and parts of the UK http://www.fccenvironment.co.uk/dont-be-a-tosser-campaign-makes-its-mark.html	A residents/community group to arrange a clean up. Southways, Students Union, Friends of Old Moat etc to support. Apply to Clean City for a clean-up grant. www.manchester.gov.uk/cleancity Publicise on social media and liaise with key partners like the Council and waste companies.
Engage the community with the new Wilmslow Road cycling route – via schools, universities, community centres, community groups and the Civic Society to encourage people to cycle to work / school / Uni's	TfGM and lead councillor (Cllr Mandy Shilton Godwin)	Route due for completion Sept 2015 Need to engage with people before, during and after	People needed for: -school cycle training -Fire service bike fixing station -Sponsorship from cycle shops -Publicity – 'Friday Commute', 'critical mass' -Maps in schools and community centres etc Manchester is the base for British Cycling – ask them for help Free resources available from TfGM like training, maps etc.	**TfGM** **Dominic.Smith@tfgm.com**

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1 Theme 1: Better Looking Neighbourhoods

Activity	Details	Map No.	Contact e-mails
Clean-ups and litter-picks	Informally, Old Moat Greenie members and families Withington Civic Society NB – Old Moat Greenies are keen to work on Withington High Street Southway Housing have a van that goes round all of our owned land that litter picks 5 days a week across the whole of our estate though. Council clean-up of Withington Village Young offenders clean-up overhanging plants	 2 3	Pauline Hocking plhassociatescic@gmail.com
Grot-Spot, graffiti and other nuisance reporting schemes	Southway Green Inspectors (on Southway Land) Withington Civic Society		Via Philippa Reece P.Reece@southwayhousing.co.uk R.Eccles@southwayhousing.co.uk
Tree planting	OMG Members in gardens STC – particularly fruit trees and bushes Southway Housing Trust Eat Green – Fog Lane Park Hedgerow planting/plants to replace trees	1 5	plhassociatescic@gmail.com info@sowthecity.org P.Reece@southwayhousing.co.uk R.Eccles@southwayhousing.co.uk Amanda Woodvine R.Eccles@southwayhousing.co.uk Rutland Avenue Residents Association
Flower beds and containers (other than in parks and open spaces)	OMG Withington High street (who manages this?) Raised beds/fruit trees by fire station Community Garden (Withington Civic Society also doing this)	 6 7	plhassociatescic@gmail.com Southways Rutland Avenue Residents Association

	85 Wilbraham Road – Community Garden Fallowfield Secret Garden Wildflower planting Southways	8 9 10	Fallowfield Resident Association
Back alley greening	STC have student contacts keen to work on greening/cleaning activities		info@sowthecity.org
Tidying up/"meanwhile" uses of derelict land	Potential on Southway land-locked sites OMG have expressed desire to use Cinema site Golden lion site potential?		-
Other	Replacing slabs with porous material	4	Southways

Note: Old Moat Has 22% tree cover, Withington has 21%, higher than the City average of 20%.
A green space audit was undertaken by Groundwork in around 2011.

1 Theme 2: Giving nature a helping hand

Activity	Details	Map No.	Contact e-mails
Friends groups – parks and open spaces	Friends of Hough End Q: could one be created for Old Moat Park? Friends of Fallowfield Loop? Friends of Fog Lane Park Ladybarn Park Friends of Ladybarn Park	1 2	-
Balsam-bashing and control of invasive plant species	Southway treat any knotweed found in our tenants gardens	3	-
Native wildflower and plant conservation and propagation	Sow the City and Old Moat Greenies are looking to increase in Old Moat, through their own work and Southway's Growing Communities programme. Wildflower seeding at Old Moat Primary (Green Heroes) Wild flower area being created by Southway Housing on junction of Barnett Ave and Burton Road	 4 5	plhassociatescic@gmail.com info@sowthecity.org ahinds@oldmoat.manchester.sch.uk
Wetlands and ponds	Sow the City and Old Moat Greenies are looking to increase in Old Moat, through their own work and Southway's Growing Communities programme. Pond creation at Old Moat Primary (Green Heroes)	 4	plhassociatescic@gmail.com info@sowthecity.org See above.
Community-owned or managed woodlands or wild/natural spaces	Sow the City and Old Moat Greenies are looking to increase in Old Moat, through their own work and Southway's Growing Communities programme		plhassociatescic@gmail.com info@sowthecity.org
Bat/Bird box schemes and other created wildlife habitats	Sow the City and Old Moat Greenies are looking to increase in Old Moat, through their own work and Southway's Growing Communities programme. Walk on the Wildside project. Southway Housing do activities every year as part of national nest box week for people to take bird boxes home. We also offer school activities for the		plhassociatescic@gmail.com info@sowthecity.org John Mulvenna via Ward Co-ordinator

	boxes to then go onto our green spaces.		
Anything else?	Awarded Old Moat Primary a biodiversity hotspot award in 2011.	4	d.barlow@manchester.gov.uk

1 Theme 3: Living better lives

Activity	Details	Map No.	Contact e-mails
Food growing schemes	Next Step Project Oak Lodge Sow the City manage the Growing Communities Programme for Southway and the Food Poverty Fund, which includes Growing Old Moat Primary School OMG / tenants Abermale Allotments Withington Fire Station (not strictly Old Moat) Ladybarn Primary School Withington Garden Society South East Fallowfield Residents Group – Under tree herb planting OMG Ecohome/Food growing – Eco Garden	1 2 3 4 5 7 8 9	Shelagh.woodbridge@greatplaces.org.uk j.pennington-hughes@manchester.gov.uk j.swailes@ladybarn.manchester.sch.uk plhassociatescic@gmail.com info@sowthecity.org P.Reece@southwayhousing.co.uk R.Eccles@southwayhousing.co.uk lydianightingale@btinternet.com gardenerk15@gmail.com Sow the City/Southway
Food processing and production (eg honey, eggs, preserves)	Chickens are kept at Ladybarn Primary School.	5	j.swailes@ladybarn.manchester.sch.uk
Air and/or water quality monitoring projects	-		-
Outdoor gym equipment	NB – there is an outdoor gym within nearby Arrowfield Estate – delivered by Southway? Opportunity in Fog Lane and other parks? Outdoor Gym	 10	--
Nature trails/Health walks	Southway are looking to introduce trails and are also doing an older persons legibility project Last year a health walk was run from Westcroft Community Centre. Walk on the Wildside Surestart Centre – Helping Old Moat Eat (HOME)!	 6a 6b	P.Reece@southwayhousing.co.uk E.Williams@southwayhousing.co.uk c.nassem@southwayhousing.co.uk
“Wild” adventure play areas/den building etc.	Southway Housing are running sessions like these as part of half term activities.		-

1 Theme 4: Sustainability

Activity	Details	Map No.	Contact e-mails
Watercourse and land drainage improvements	-		-
Community energy conservation schemes	Southway had a scheme reported in Advertiser mid January, worth £68,000 about community energy etc		J.Woods@southwayhousing.co.uk
Eco-homes (state whether new-build or refurbished)	Eco show home run by Carbon Co-op (Jonathan Atkinson) Southway had a scheme reported in Advertiser mid January, worth £68,000 about community energy etc Sow the City and Southway looking to create a demonstration garden in 2015 in Old Moat and/or Withington.		jonathan@carbon.coop J.Woods@southwayhousing.co.uk info@sowthecity.org
Community renewable energy schemes	-		-
Community transport	-		-
Environmentally-related social enterprises (eg coppicing, timber products)	Sow the City Old Moat Greenies		plhassociatescic@gmail.com info@sowthecity.org
Community based environmental education initiatives	Sow the City Old Moat Greenies Southway run a full programme that is accessible to all schools, and are working up the education pack to advertise this.		plhassociatescic@gmail.com info@sowthecity.org

Notes: Not applicable to map

Eco Schools

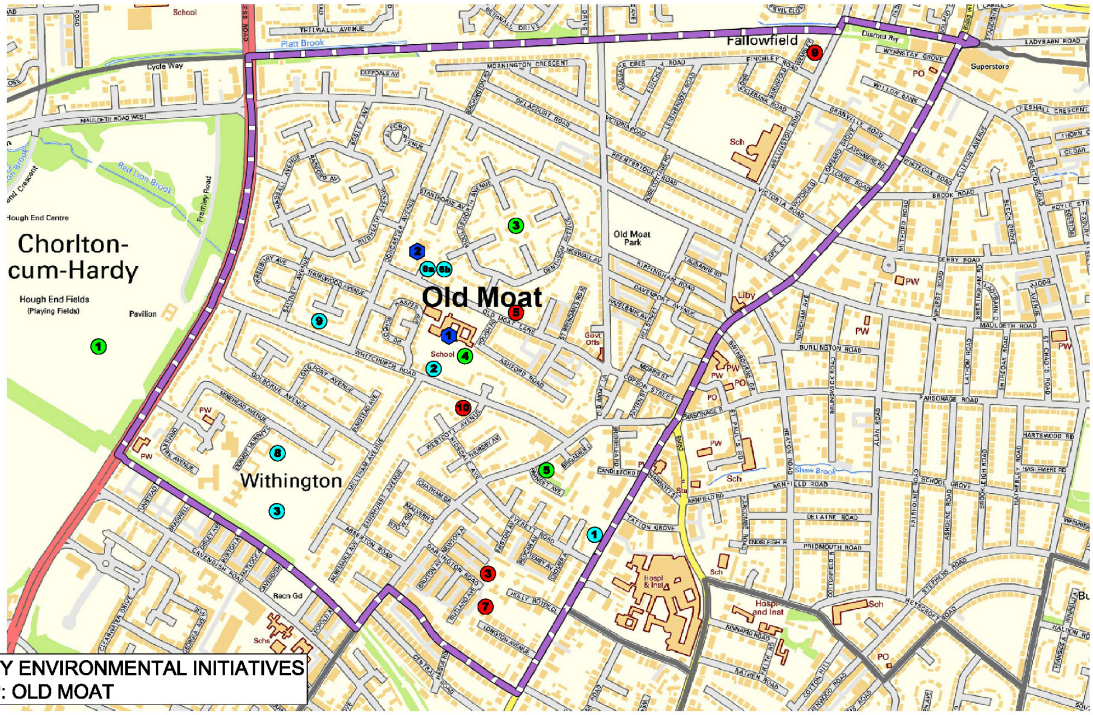
School	Map No.	Status	e-mail
Old Moat Community Primary School	1	Green Flag	a.hinds@oldmoat.manchester.sch.uk
Old Moat Sure Start Children's Centre	2	Green Flag	a.quirk@manchester.gov.uk
Ladybarn Primary School	3	Silver	head@ladybarn.manchester.sch.uk
Mauldeth Road Primary School	4	Silver	head@mauldethroad.manchester.sch.uk
St Paul's C of E Primary School	5	Silver	head@st-pauls-pri.manchester.sch.uk
Manchester Muslim Prep School	6	Bronze	admin@muslimprepschool.co.uk
St Cuthbert's RC Primary School	7	Registered	admin@st-cuthberts.manchester.sch.uk

Challenges and opportunities

- Mix of people including students, fairly affluent professionals and people on low incomes.

Ward Maps with Environmental initiatives.

The information from the Environmental audit has been mapped onto the Ward Map for Old Moat and Withington.



COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES
WARD MAP: OLD MOAT

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Theme 4: Sustainability

Theme 5: Eco Schools

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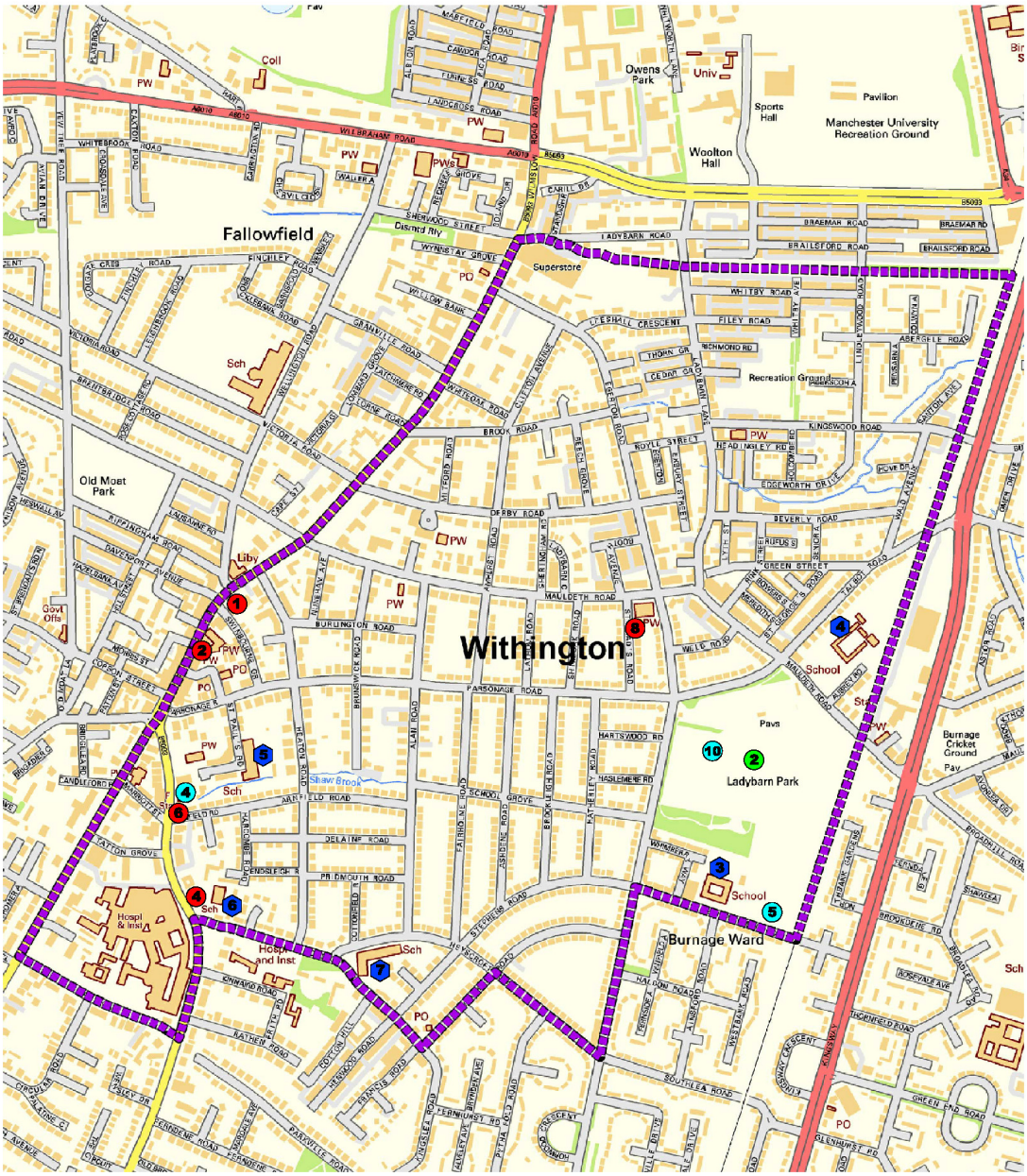

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