

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND BIODIVERSITY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING RECORD
29 MARCH 2021

Attendees

Caroline Underwood CU , Chair	Richard Salmon RS
Sue Ashwell	Pauline Steel
Melanie Storey MS , Secretary	

Apologies Amy Burbidge, Lou O'Connor

Item 1 Record of the Last Meeting

- The minutes of the last meeting were approved
- Action review:

No	Action Description	Status/Update
20.4	All to identify people who could be approached to join the Footpath Working Party	Volunteers will be contacted
22.3	CU to contact Cambridgeshire County Council's Public Rights of Way Officer again regarding any proposed action on footpath B7 along the side of Paddocks Farm	Outstanding, this will be walked before the issue is raised
24.2	AB to create a Facebook page so people can access the Group's leaflets	Outstanding
25.1	MS to seek advice from London Signs on how to add the Round About Buckden QR code to the information boards	Been hastened twice
25.2	All to encourage residents to complete the petition seeking to establish a new footpath west of the A1	Two lists have been received and another is expected
25.3	RS to bring a suggested list of safe cycle routes, along with potential walking routes to the next meeting	Draft list will be examined at the first face-to-face meeting
25.4	MS to draft a proposal, for consideration at the next meeting, recommending that the Parish Council commits to the Slow Ways initiative	Completed, to be submitted to next meeting
25.5	LO to continue to develop the tree planting leaflet for consideration at the next meeting	Action transferred to Louise O'Connor
25.6	MS to arrange to discuss the Talking Trees project with potential Duke of Edinburgh volunteers	Completed, Kira Shipley has agreed to take this forward
25.7	LO to approach local nurseries with a view to supporting the Greening Buckden initiative	Action transferred to Louise O'Connor
25.8	All to read the revised Terms of Reference and submit any comments to CU prior to the next meeting	Completed, will go to the May Parish Council meeting for approval
	Actions to be Monitored	
16.2	MS to distribute Round About Buckden leaflets and to record their take-up	66 leaflets taken by the public so far; need to include geocache website activity

- It was noted that the historic walking and Round-About-Buckden leaflets are now available in the old phone box

Item 2 Footpaths

- The information from the residents who last year volunteered for the Footpath Working Party will be collated and they will be contacted now the route out of Covid lockdown is clearer

Action 26.1 CU to collate the information from the residents who last year volunteered for the Footpath Working Party and re-establish contact

Item 3 Trees

- Tree strategy action plan; actions due this month
 - Tree inspection tender:
 - Two responses to the tender have been received and the third one has been hastened by the Parish Clerk
 - It was agreed that if the third quote is not received within one week after Easter then the cheapest priced quote will be accepted
 - Conduct preliminary discussions with Village organisations and individuals eg school, churches, BVHT, local landowners and Buckden Marina about tree planting
 - Contact has been made with the School and they are interested in the long term but have other priorities at the moment
 - CU is due to meet the Church Wardens so will raise the idea at that meeting
 - It was noted that while the BVHT is reluctant to commit at this time to tree planting progress may be possible through the future project, for which it has been agreed funding, to refurbish the valley
 - It was noted that a local landowner has plans to plant trees in two locations
 - It was noted that Buckden Marina is planting four trees in the autumn and is considering other planting opportunities
- Greening Buckden leaflets
 - It was noted that the Parish Council is planning to hold an event in the High Street to allow the village to come together and celebrate the ending of Covid restrictions
 - It was agreed that a leaflet about wildlife friendly gardening should be prepared ready to be handed out at the event
 - It was agreed that other leaflets to follow would cover tree planting, water in the garden and helping birds

Action 26.2 CU to raise the idea of planting trees at her meeting with the Church Wardens

Action 26.3 CU to provide LO with the information needed to draft a leaflet on wildlife friendly gardening to be handed out at the Village's post Covid restrictions celebration

Item 4 Budget

- There has been no change in the current budget position

Item 5 AOB

- It was agreed that the Group's draft terms of reference should be submitted to the Parish Council's May meeting for approval
- Duke of Edinburgh volunteers:
 - Kira Shipley has agreed to take forward the 'Talking Trees' project as part of her Gold Duke of Edinburgh award
 - Agatha Leach and Elizabeth Leggate are going to jointly conduct a survey of the Public Rights of Way as part of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award

- The next meeting will be held on Monday 10 May at 1930 hours by Zoom