

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND BIODIVERSITY GROUP MINUTES 7 FEBRUARY 2024

- Apologies Peter Clark, Melanie Storey
- Noted minutes of last meeting
- Caroline welcomed Ray Magness, Ray is considering becoming Tree warden.
- Action review:

No	Action Description	Status/Update
32.5	CU to write to the landowners of the area where the proposed new footpath would cross as the next step to progressing the application process	Not completed. Agreed to either discuss with James Stringer CCC OR agree to not action when revising Operational Plan
35.5	CU to report back to the Group when a response is received from the Ouse Valley Trust on the possibility of creating an alternative route on a section of the OVW adjacent to Buckden Marina	The issues relating to OWW are many. This should be removed as an action and general state of OVW be monitored through meetings with GOVT and CCC. See update in notes.
36.7	RS to design a planting scheme for the Lucks Lane wall area	Awaiting costings from Richard
36.13	CU to ascertain as to which organisations cut grass in the village and exactly which areas they cover	On-going
37.5	MS to add the review of the Biodiversity Action List to the agendas for the March and September meetings each year	Outstanding For next meeting
37.6	RS to draft an article about hedge cutting for the March 2024 edition of the Roundabout	Completed CU to send to AHJ for publication in Round about
37.7	RS to draft an article about slugs for the June 2024 edition of the Roundabout	Completed Agenda item for next meeting
37.8	CG to update the biodiversity calendar for inclusion in the January 2024 edition of the Roundabout	Completed
37.6	CU and MS to check the trees during April 2024 for any signs of issues related to drought	Outstanding this will be with new Tree Warden
38.2	CU to raise the issue of reinstatement of a public right of way via Margetts Farm again with the landowner	CU contacted AJ again but received no response. Suggest submitting via Ramblers for recording
38.6	MF to draft a biodiversity bingo leaflet to be released alongside the photography competition	Completed These have been distributed. On agenda for next meeting. Will be promoted in April's Roundabout. See operational plan update for information on progressing this
38.7	RS to reduce to a safe height, the dead tree in Morris Close	Outstanding – RS will do this when he prepares the area in Spring when he will be reseeding etc

Item 2 Green Infrastructure

2023 Annual Footpath Check Report

This has now had all paths updated. The issues with the paths B9, 12 and 3 were noted. These will not be recorded on Footpath review as that is dated October 2023. But CU will check issues are on CCC website and discuss with landowner. **ACTION CU**

Also noted outstanding actions on footpath check sit with CU she will seek to action before next meeting. **ACTION CU**

- **Update on Ouse Valley Trust meeting 6 December and 7th February**

There had been less progress than hoped for from December meeting, but the plan is there is funding for a cut back before March at the Marina and Little Paxton. The plan is to have an annual audit of the OVW path which will be reported on in October/November to inform CCC work over the winter. The group are aware of the issues of the marathon and will seek to ensure the path is clear for that.

- **Review Operational Plan and set key targets for next year.**

See attached document. Need to put review of Operational Plan actions on next Agenda, in particular discussion of measuring our impact.

ACTION MS & CU

Item 3 Biodiversity

- **Update on planting scheme for Lucks Lane and grant application**

No information on bid, awaiting costs from Richard Salmon

ACTION RS

- **Tree warden role and Tree Network** it was agreed to defer this item until next meeting. If RM decides to take on the role he might be interested in taking this forward

- **Photography Competition**

MF has produced all the materials, the following actions were agreed:

- CU to send all information to school
- CU to send to nominated people to upload to website, Facebook and Instagram
- CG to give CU details of families that travel on school bus so leaflets can be distributed there
- MF to distribute posters

- **Expansion of wild flower planting** – RS plans to prepare the area in the corner of the churchyard that Nigel cleared and plant with sun flowers

ACTION CU to contact RS about this and reseedings Hunts End

Item 4 Budget

- Budget update no further expenditure, 2024-25 budget agreed

Item 5 AOB

RM would like to see hard copy of Tree Survey **Action CU**

MF has found information about PC duties under new Environment Act she will update at the next meeting. **ACTION MS** to put on agenda

- Date of the next meeting

Thursday 14th March 2024 55 High Street or via Zoom 7.00pm PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME