

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND BIODIVERSITY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING RECORD
16 MAY 2023

Attendees

Caroline Underwood CU , Chair	Madeline Fraser MF
Peter Clark PC	Catherine Grigg CG
Angie Bruce, Observer	

Apologies: Richard Salmon **RS** Melanie Storey **MS**

Item 1 Record of the Last Meeting

- The minutes of the last meeting were approved
- 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	A draft letter will be circulated to the Group for comment
33.1	RS to check the sites where action is needed to replant posts, as listed in the annual footpath check action list and advise the Group as to the best approach	Completed
34.6	MS to prepare a digitised version of the Talking Trees and Bees leaflet for loading on to the website	Outstanding
34.11	CG to obtain contact details of the photography course leader at Hinchingsbrook School	In progress
	Actions to be Monitored	
16.2	MS to distribute Round About Buckden leaflets and to record their take-up	
26.1	MS to monitor the impact of the Slow Ways initiative	

Item 2 Green Infrastructure

- 2022 annual footpath check
 - The Group approved the final report on the 2022 footpath check
- 2023 annual footpath check
 - It was agreed the check would take place in October and that the allocation of footpaths would be undertaken at the next meeting
 - It was noted that more volunteers have come forward to join the Footpath Working Group in response to an item published in the Roundabout
- Don't Lose Your Way Initiative
 - It was agreed that, before any action is taken to seek to reinstate a public right of way via Margetts Farm, discussions should take place with the landowner
- Ouse Valley Way (OVW)
 - National Highways has conducted an onsite assessment of the bank erosion under the A14 bridge but the outcome is unknown

- Alternative route adjacent to Buckden Marina: a resident's evidence has been submitted to the Ouse Valley Trust and a response is awaited

Action 35.1 MS to include the allocation of footpaths for the annual check on the agenda for the next meeting

Action 35.2 CU to update the Footpath Working Group volunteer list to present at the next meeting

Action 35.3 CU to discuss the possible reinstatement of a public right of way via Margetts Farm with the landowner

Action 35.4 CU to ask National Highways what action it has decided to take in respect of the erosion of the river bank under the A14 bridge that threatens the OVW

Action 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

Item 3 Biodiversity

- Talking Trees and Bees
 - It was agreed that once implemented, the Group would look at the possibility of adding new trees
- Photography Competition
 - It was agreed that the Communications Group would be asked to advise on the best way to publicise the competition
- Water leaflet
 - It was suggested a section should be included on creating small ponds to encourage greater uptake

Action 35.6 MS to include the consideration of adding new trees to the talking trees initiative on the agenda for the next meeting

Action 35.7 CU to pass a request to the Communications Group seeking their advice on the best way to publicise the photographic competition

Action 35.8 MS to include a section on creating small ponds in the draft water leaflet

Item 4 Budget

- The budget situation remains unchanged although it was noted that the Service Level Agreement with HDC, for the care of the Parish's trees, has been signed

Item 5 AOB

- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 July from 1915 hours.