

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND BIODIVERSITY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING RECORD
26 SEPTEMBER 2023

Attendees

Caroline Underwood CU , Chair	Catherine Grigg CG
Peter Clark PC	Melanie Storey MS , Secretary

Apologies: Richard Salmon **RS**, Madeline Fraser **MF**, Angie Bruce **AB**

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
35.3	CU to discuss the possible reinstatement of a public right of way via Margetts Farm with the landowner	Completed
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	Awaiting response
36.1	CU to review the Biodiversity Action List for discussion at the next meeting	Completed, see Item 3
36.2	CU to arrange for installation of the QR codes at the locations of the 'talking trees'	Completed
36.3	CU to draft an article for the Roundabout on the 'talking trees'	Completed
36.4	MF to advertise the photography competition after Christmas	On-going
36.5	All to review the water leaflet and submit any comments by 31 July	Completed
36.6	MS to arrange for production of the water leaflet once the review has been completed	Completed
36.7	RS to design a planting scheme for the Lucks Lane wall area	Outstanding
36.8	CU and MS to talk to a resident about access for a contractor when felling a tree in Morris Close	Completed
36.9	MS to create a conversion chart on tree numbering for use by the Parish Clerk	Completed
36.10	CU to arrange for HDC's Tree Report to be published on the Parish Council's website	Completed
36.11	CU to circulate HDC's Tree Report amongst the members of the Parish Council	Completed
36.12	CU to contact HDC to see if they have 50 trees available for planting in the village	Completed
36.13	CU to ascertain as to which organisations cut grass in the village and exactly which areas they cover	On-going

	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	

Action 37.1 CU to discuss Action 36.7 with **RS**

Action 37.2 CU to discuss with the Parish Clerk about putting the outcome of Action 36.13 on to Parish Online

Item 2 Green Infrastructure

- The Group agreed that it would undertake the annual footpath check, during the month of October 2023, as per the allocation
- In respect of the reinstatement of a public right of way via Margetts Farm, it was noted that the possibility has been raised with the landowner's agent and a response is awaited

Action 37.3 MS to send members of the Group the template for reporting back on the condition of footpaths inspected during the annual check

Action 37.4 CU to contact the landowner's agent to ascertain their view on the possible reinstatement of a public right of way via Margetts Farm

Item 3 Biodiversity

- The revised Biodiversity Action List was agreed by the Group
- It was noted HDC tree services has undertaken certain work on the Parish's trees and also highlighted the need to monitor trees for the effects of drought

Action 37.5 MS to add the review of the Biodiversity Action List to the agendas for the March and September meetings each year

Action 37.6 All a volunteer is required to draft an article about hedge cutting for the March 2024 edition of the Roundabout

Action 37.7 All a volunteer is required to draft an article about slugs for the June 2024 edition of the Roundabout

Action 37.8 CG to update the biodiversity calendar for inclusion in the January 2024 edition of the Roundabout

Action 37.9 MS to check if work is proceeding on the trees in Morris Close and Silver Street

Action 37.6 CU and MS to check the trees during April 2024 for any signs of issues related to drought

Item 4 Budget

- A budget bid of £6,200 for next financial year was agreed
 - Trees
 - HDC work £1,500
 - General maintenance £800
 - Wildflowers
 - Planting £1,000
 - General maintenance £2,000
 - Biodiversity £400
 - Leaflets £500

Item 5 AOB

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 November from 1915 hours at 55 High Street and via Zoom if required