

SUTTON POYNTZ NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

RECORD OF SUB-GROUP MEETING

Topic sub-group - Biodiversity and the Natural Environment

Date of Meeting 08/03/2018

Time of meeting from 10.10 **to** 10.55

Location of Meeting Springbank, 2 The Puddledocks

Present: Colin Marsh, Jack Winsper

Apologies: Huw Llewellyn

Key Discussion Points

- All actions from the previous meeting had been addressed except 1 and 7 which remained work in progress.
- Following the resignation of Katrina Blee as chair of the Steering Group it was hoped that she would continue as a member of the biodiversity sub-group.
- The draft Biodiversity section had been pre-circulated and was amendments suggested by JW were processed. These related to grammatical and minor changes of emphasis. It was agreed to remove the sentence from BNE 2 relating to character of development adjacent to areas of green space as it was felt that this was a housing and planning matter.
- Some uncertainty was expressed as to the acceptability of raising Tree Protection Orders (TPO's) on trees in green space as part of policy and it was agreed to refer this to Brian Wilson. JW also wondered who would raise the TPO's.
- It was noted that the Steering Group were finalising an independent assessment of Local Green Space through consultants and a provisional date has been agreed of 21 March 2018.
- Agreed to amend AP2 to reflect the involvement of community groups such as the Sutton Poyntz Biodiversity Group in providing guidance to residents.
- Regarding the draft ecology section for inclusion in the redrafted Place Appraisal JW considered that this was the bare minimum that was acceptable and felt that the community involvement in the Garden Bird Watch scheme should be emphasised more. CM agreed to review this.
- No further amendments had been suggested to the Flooding policy following the e-mail round. JW was thanked for his drafting of this section.

- The meeting closed at 10.55 hours. The next meeting is to be arranged once feedback from the consultants and Steering Group has been agreed.

Actions

- 1. Incorporate amendments to the draft section on Biodiversity arising from the meeting and any further amendments arising from the review by HL. Action:CM**
- 2. Send redrafted Biodiversity section to Brian Wilson (consultant) for comment. Action : CM**
- 3. Review Garden Bird Watch emphasis within the Place Appraisal ecology section. Action:CM**
- 4. Forward Neighbourhood Plan section on Flood Prevention to Brian Wilson (consultant) for comment and feedback.**