

SUTTON POYNTZ NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

RECORD OF SUB-GROUP MEETING

Topic sub-group - Biodiversity and the Natural Environment

Date of Meeting 12/7/2017 **Time of meeting from** 19.30 **to** 20.58

Location of Meeting Springbank, Plaisters Lane

Present: Katrina Blee, Colin Marsh, Jack Winsper

Key Discussion Points

- Jack Winsper had expressed an interest in attending the meeting and KB /CM updated him on the aims and status of the Neighbourhood Plan process and the biodiversity sub-group work undertaken to date. During the discussion KB referred to the Locality document on Local Green Spaces and the potential value of designating local green spaces in the Neighbourhood Plan area. It was agreed to circulate this document.
- CM went through the action points from the previous meeting.
 1. Sources of information – KB reported on a number of source documents including the Review of the Weymouth and Portland Local Plan and noted that this action was on-going.
 2. A list of Tree Preservation Orders was available and an updated list was to be obtained at a later date.
 3. Key features to be protected – CM had part completed a survey of veteran hedgerows and other important habitat and this was on-going.
 4. CM reported that a number of suppliers of bird bricks for incorporation into new buildings had been identified and further details were to be sought.
 5. KB reported that the sourcing of examples of Neighbourhood Plans with best practice biodiversity content was on-going. Some links to examples identified to date were to be circulated.
 6. Jack Winsper had responded to the request for additional group members and one other person had expressed an interest.
- In relation to the report by CM on the identification of veteran hedges KB suggested also recording agricultural hedges planted since 1997 and which are subject to regulatory protection.
- CM produced a draft list of projects that the Sutton Poyntz Biodiversity Group had undertaken in co-operation with Wessex Water over the last 8 years. Dave Emery had agreed to draft a summary of the work undertaken with Wessex Water.

- In discussing the concept of an eco-corridor KB suggested an eco-walk map could be produced and offered to obtain some examples.
- The date of the next meeting was agreed as Wednesday 2nd August at Springbank, Plaisters Lane at 19.30 hours.

Decisions/Actions Taken

- 1. Further research sources of information including Neighbourhood Plans incorporating biodiversity best practice – KB**
- 2. Circulate source documents obtained to date eg. Green Spaces and Local Plan review. – KB.**
- 3. Research statutory requirements and suggest a methodology for the identification of modern hedges (post 1997) – KB**
- 4. Seek advice on establishing Green Spaces from Julie Tanner (consultant to the Steering Group) - KB**
- 5. Review Sutton Poyntz Biodiversity Group 'Bird' and 'Biodiversity' reports 2008/2009 – JW.**
- 6. Complete the hedge field survey and produce this in a map format – CM**
- 7. Plot key habitat and wildlife data on a green-corridor map – CM.**

The meeting finished at 20.58 hours.