

FRIENDS OF COLLIERS WOOD

NOTES OF MEETING HELD AT GREASLEY S&C HALL ON WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2017

Present: J Smith; M Sutcliffe; A Cook; G Caldwell; D Hill; R Turner

Apologies received from M Fletcher, A Fergus, M Turner

13.9.17 meeting notes- accepted as recorded but PCSO Holbrook's Christian name is spelt Laraine.

EVENTS AND MARKETING

Colliers Wood Proms badly affected by adverse weather resulting in a disappointing turnout.

Working Together events:

Nottingham Green Festival also affected by the rain. However the event went well and FoCW pleased with the experience gained.

Fungi identification event was successful and participants learnt from the practical approach taken.

No information on the 'Taster Days' yet.

Hall om Wong promotion event had a good turnout. Derek was pleased with results.

No information regarding site brochure re-print/editing.

Fun-with-Learning Word Search webpage updated. Downloads in sets of four sheets.

No further progress on the Dog Show questionnaire. MargaretS is still unable to obtain a response from the Kennel Club. She will continue to chase.

Meeting discussed the Winter Woodland Celebration event to be held on Sunday 26th November. Santa and costume booked. Post box will be only for posting. No letter writing in grotto as it slows turnover. Charge agreed as £2.50; includes present.

Claire and family, plus Eastwood scouts have confirmed they will help erection/dismantling.

Thornton's agreed chocolate donations. MargaretS will arrange collection. Anne to supervise.

Fun Workshop activities agreed and materials for all items available. Some activities will be free but wood bug sticks, feeder boxes and masks will be charged at 50p each. Derek will collect further drink containers for feeders.

Staffing agreed. Poster content agreed.

SITE MANAGEMENT, MAINTENANCE AND PROJECTS

WREN has agreed our grant application for the Community Wheel Activity Space. Broxtowe's internal procedures make it unlikely that an order for the foundations and paving works can be placed prior to the new year. The successful contractor has been informed. An early spring commencement may be feasible.

Some preparation needed along the embankment to enable spoil to be deposited.

A publicity procedure needs to be agreed and this has to be in accordance with WREN's guidance statement. This applies to all forms of publicity including social media.

The interpretation board needs to be defined and designed ready for seeking funding.

No ideas offered for participation in the Greenwood tree planting grant scheme.

The circulated draft letter for the copse perimeter work proposals for were discussed and agreed. A site inspection date to view scallop locations is to be determined. Letter and drawing can be sent to Broxtowe.

Chris Riley is providing some dimensions as a first stage in preparing a scheme for the Wetland Copse.

Chris Riley's radical Horseshoe Meadow proposal has been circulated and a further illustration was added later. Meeting discussed several of the more obvious aspects of the scheme. More thought to be given to habitat and water management impacts for an in depth discussion at the November meeting. Chris indicated that grants were available for forming wet meadow habitats.

Pruning work commenced on the entrance road hedgerow. Friends noted that there was no dogwood present but alder and goat willow had been amongst the saplings. (This is a nursery

'error' as they are not part of the ordered Broxtowe's standard mix.) The alder and willow were removed. Hedge establishment adjacent the roadway was very good but the length facing Engine Lane had largely failed.

Significant concern regarding diseased alder in hedgerow and on adjacent established trees that were part of the original landscape works. May be Alder Disease.

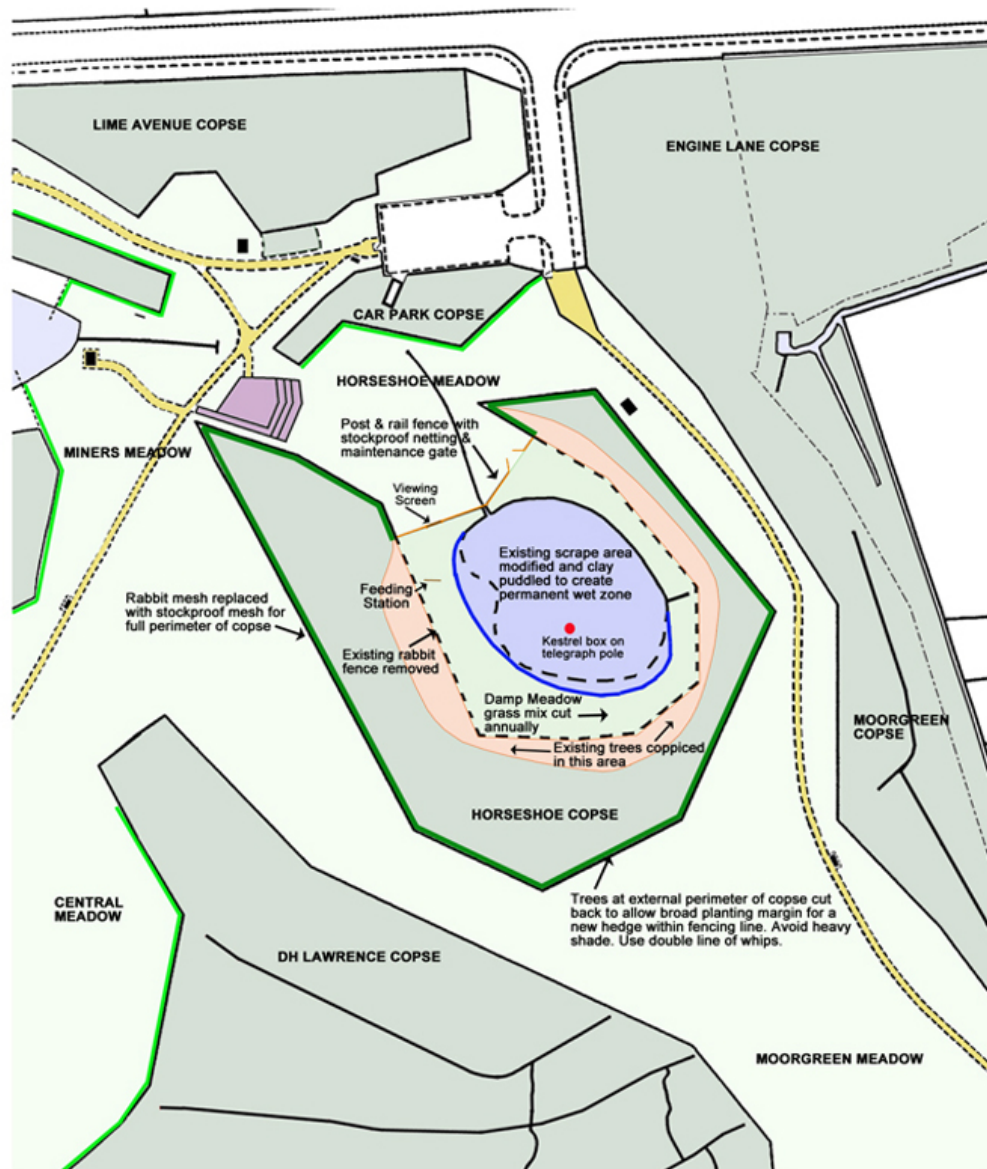
SITE RECORDING AND ECOLOGY

Janice drew attention to the cornfield annuals in the Waterloo Meadow that were still in flower and providing food to a good range of insects. She also noted that the cereal crop in the Central Meadow was showing good growth.

THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE AT GREASLEY SPORTS AND COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER, 2017

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Chris Riley's Proposed Modification of Horseshoe Copse to Create a Wet Meadow Habitat Protected from Dog and People Disturbance

- NOTES:
- 1 This drawing contains small modifications to the circulated sketch from Chris.
 - 2 Existing scrape area boundary shown does not allow for flood areas of copse
 - 3 No allowance made for existing ground levels within meadow, nor for flow gradients of existing water management system