



ASTON TIRROLD & UPTHORPE

ENVIRONMENT GROUP

14th November 2017

Attendance for meeting on 13th November: Anna Dillon (AD), Naomi Simmonds (NS), Andy McLellan (AM), Nick Issac (NI)

NOTES & ACTIONS FROM MEETING

Village Verges

Discussed Andy's report on verges (thanks). Alison Nicolson's and NS feedback from the Garden Club initiate from 5 years ago was discussed (pros and cons). Anna asked for the verge plan to include hedges.

Agreed that we'd use the **Brightwell Verge and Hedge management plan** as a blue print. Jason Debney (Brightwell Parish Council) managed and delivered the Brightwell plan and AM & AD will talk to him for further advice.

ACTION: Andy to flesh out strategy and report back at next meeting.

Tree Survey

AD has written a report about the tree survey which outlines the objectives and aims. She will circulate draft to group for final approval. The view being that the survey data will form the backbone of a tree survey report that would be adopted by the Parish Council.

- Data collection / repository & record (what we've got so far, what we need and how we do it.)
- Recreation ground - tree survey done by ARC. Anna to get data from Joanna Hart.
- Short single para to go in **Village news** containing link to the village website (2 pages to be created by Anna) in order to build awareness of groups work.
- Enviro News - NS speak to Albi

ACTION: Anna to circulate and come up with some delivery timescales.

Village Wildlife Dataset

Nick Issac very kindly joined the group (thanks) to educate us on the complex matrix of data collection, databases and data verification and what models would suit our village/community needs. Nick works at the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology in Wallingford and his role is to host, analyse and manage data from over 85 societies and organisations that are UK based (BTO, Butterfly Conservation etc).

He explained the difference between the data from TVERC (local record centre) and NERC (research council centre)

We now have two data sets for our villages as follows

- TVERC dataset
- NBN Atlas dataset

Next steps: Nick works with the online data recording website irecord

(<https://www.brc.ac.uk/irecord/>) and he's going to explore the feasibilities of whether we would all benefit from creating accounts on this website, whether we can set up a way of us sharing our findings with each other and if we could look at working with an app that might help engage the wider community in our villages.

Keep our village tidy

Dog bins - Louise to submit suggestion to PC for their meeting on the 20th November.

Environmental monitoring

- Alison N and Joanna Tidmarsh both have professional backgrounds in water monitoring, management and analysis. Agreed that they both speak to each other or/and attend the next meeting to discuss how their skills could be utilised in regard to these villages?

Meeting Outcomes

- Promote this group in the village (article went out in November VN)
- Anna to distribute Nick's data set to rest of group
- Garden watch initiative (Nicks suggestion of a BIOBLITZ with the app sounds great)
- Anna and Naomi to review where we are in regard to the original criteria set out by the CLP findings from 2016 (scoping phase of 2017) and to come up with a delivery model for 2018.

Date for next meeting: Monday 18th December at 7:30pm at AD's.

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ANDY ROADS UPDATE: - 20mph limit support from Environment Group