



ASTON TIRROLD & UPTHORPE

ENVIRONMENT GROUP

20th September 2017

Attendance for meeting on 9th August

Anna Dillon, Naomi Simmonds, Louise Binder, Andy McLellan, Alison Nicolson

Notes & actions from last meeting

Verges

- **Andy** waiting to hear back from Justin Keeble. Needs to get a map from highways OCC to see where existing responsibilities lie. **ACTION:** Andy to chase this up.
- Has done some research - Brightwell have a **hedgerow and verge management plan** which looks good. **ACTION:** Andy needs to do some more research. *Sounds like it would be great to explore producing a similar plan for the Astons.*
- **ACTION :** Andy to chat to Brightwell to see how they manage the verges now they manage responsibilities and liabilities. **ACTION:** Anna to provide Andy with Helen Baines (member of Brightwell PC) email address.

Tree Survey

- Brightwell carried out their survey over three years. Blewbury also did their own - surveying / walking around the village/ documenting trees over a period of time.
- Woodland trust website - are encouraging people to carry out tree surveys themselves
- Set perimeters - varied approach by each Blewbury & Brightwell
- <http://www.magic.gov.uk> – useful website which shows mapping for areas of significant woodland
- **ACTIONS: Naomi** - Set a date for a village walkabout for all of us / Start to document in phases. Need to confirm phased approach – project plan as this will be a longer term project for us?

Dog bins

- **Louise** to research. How many do we have in the villages at the moment?
- How many do we need and where would they go?
- Parish Council would need to fund the costs, installation and ongoing management. **NB: Application for PC funds/grants needs to be put in by November this year in order to get them for next year (2018).**
- We need to give the Parish Council a report with costs and recommended places

Village biodiversity

- **Anna and Alison** to work together on this.
- **ACTIONS:** DataBases online: Explore and report back
- Plants, Insects, etc. AN & AD to help define data titles.
- With pictures, drop downs and google earth links. **ACTION:** Anna to send Naomi her spreadsheet.
- Orgs that could help?
 - Thames Valley Environmental records centre (**Housing and Dev group have asked Parish Council to fund this report – report just in. Will circulate.**)
 - BBOWT

AOB

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

NEXT MEETING 27th SEPT 7.30pm Chalk hill cottage

Nick and Seirian Issac have expressed an interest in joining our group (probably not practical for them to both attend meetings due to childminding commitments – they are both leading entomologists.