

OB&L NP Update

Notes of Meeting October 11, 2023

Present: DW, PB, SG, FM, AR, CB, RD

1 Apologies: MC, KT

2 Funding & expenditure

MC has secured grant of £8818. We should seek PC permission to continue spending. No extra costs were noted.

3 Engagement with Consultant

An order has been placed. The consultant was working on the scoping exercise and the documents sent him (Objectives, Iconic Views, Local Green Spaces) for discussion.

A meeting at Crowthorne is proposed for October 27.

DW,MC, FM & KT or PB will attend.

DW, MC, FM,KT/PB

4 Publicity & Communications

There had been no response from the invitation to the public to participate. SG suggested involving parents via their children with a pond dip. SG will raise with KT & refer to HCC&IoW Wildlife Trust. SG

The draft questionnaire was approved in principle. PB queried the costs of the three options. It was agreed AR should proceed with Option 1, an insert in the winter newsletter, in time to meet the copy date (early November). The budget costs are as follows.

Printing & delivery to Reading	1015
Design tweaking	110
Insertion into Newsletter	279
Royal Mail fee	99
Estimate of 450 replies 2 nd class	<u>337</u>

Total £1840

The only unknown was the postage cost dependent on the number of replies. AR commented that £1454 had been included in the grant application for the questionnaire. AR will circulate the final draft of the questionnaire.

5 Evidence Log

As the consultants' comments become available they would be added to the Evidence Log.

Sherfield St John had asked as a neighbour parish for our comment on their proposed NP Update but the website was not available. As ETPlan produced it we would ask them for a copy.

A Review of 2018 Appendix & Current Aspirations had been circulated as a draft for the 2023 Update. Such documents were still open to amendment.

DW asked that volunteers begin thinking about revising sections of the 2018 NP as the consultants began their input. The following sections were proposed.

1 Introduction (Why an update? What's changed? Managing development). DW

2 Local History no change

OB&L Today (health, transport, education, leisure, housing, environment) with emphasis on Lychpit CB

Map 4 to be revised

Topography no change

Demographic PB

Local Planning Policy ?

3 Objectives & Policies

Objectives are largely settled. Policies will emerge from consultant discussion.

Iconic Views & Local Green Spaces KT?

Heritage Assets any change from WWA report ?

Housing mix PB

Appendices as necessary

6 Next Meetings

Wed Nov 14

Wed Dec 13

FM offered apologies; we offered her very best wishes!