

Hythe Green Preservation Society – Meeting Notes - Development of The Green

Date: 12/04/19

Those present: Lynne Sims, Nikki Gammans , Izzy Knight, George Kirby, John and Linda Stiling, John Skinner, Teresa Graham, Cathy Smith, Geoff and Celia German

Issues discussed

1. Celia discussed the overall plan for enhancement of the Green as outlined in Stephen Bailey's management plan
2. Nikki explained the work of the Bumblebee Conservation Trust and outlined the timetable she proposed for the development of the wildflower areas.
3. John raised the issue over the Council management of the Green – the mowing, strimming, spraying regime. Nikki said she would put forward a management plan to the Council that would protect the wildlife areas.
4. Nikki outlined the immediate work to be done on planting up wildflowers along the grassland area along the northern boundary (Compartment 2 in Management Plan) – * see Plan of Action for details.
5. Publicity was discussed and tasks were shared amongst the group relating to this - * see Action Plan and also signage and ways of protecting the planted areas.
6. Nikki agreed to amend the Management Plan as a final draft to be submitted to the Council, with a summary timetable of the order in which tasks and activities should take place and a methodology.
7. We agreed to ask discuss with Stephen Bailey the timetable for the development of the woodland area, to request that he should delineate what could be done by volunteers and what would need to be professionally done and to give us an estimate of cost. John Skinner said that he would be happy to liaise with Stephen over operational matters.