



Local Environment Action Frampton (LEAF)

Working Group Notes

Online Meeting, 8th March 2023 6:30pm

Councillors present: Cllr Selman, Cllr Goodwin, Councillor Clark.

Volunteers present: Lesley, David H, Ruth C.

Members of the public present: 0

Officers present: Daisy Finniear (Climate & Nature Officer, note taker).

1. BioBlitz Planning

The group felt that enough people had been contacted to run stalls for the event.

Workshops and the requirement for extra volunteers support was discussed. It was suggested to ask UWE students to support the event.

Refreshments were investigated, members felt refreshments should not be provided to attendees, only to volunteers due to cost of van (£min £300) and environmental impact of a food van. It was suggested that local pubs should be informed of the event and people directed there for refreshments. It was raised that a cake sale could be considered, but food hygiene issues to be investigated.

The timings of walks and activities were discussed and the below times suggested:

NATURE WALKS AND WORKSHOPS : (Please wear appropriate footwear!)	
5AM - 6.30AM	Dawn Chorus Walk
9AM - 10AM	Bird Walk
10AM - 11AM	Tree Walk
11AM - 12PM	Butterfly Walk
12-12:30	iNaturalist Workshop (BSL)
12:45-2	Bat Workshop (BSL)
2PM - 3PM	Wildflower Walk
3.30PM - 4.30PM	Bug Hunt
8PM - 9.30PM	Bat Walk

9:30-10PM	Moth trap?
12-4pm	Stalls, crafts and den building
Please note times and activities are subject to change - check at base camp for latest information!	

ACTION: David H to ask UWE students if they can run iNaturalist workshop and to use BSL interpreter for the workshop as well. BSL workshop but students on hand for rest of the day to help. They can also help on walks.

ACTION: to inform local pubs about the BIOBITZ event and direct attendees there for refreshments.

ACTION: Nature Officer to check food hygiene issues with having bake sale.

ACTION: to add tagline to BioBlitz name on marketing materials: BioBlitz: Discover Local Nature.

ACTION: David H to contact nature group volunteers to ensure the time changes to walks are suitable.

ACTION David H to invite VALID group to the BioBlitz.

ACTION: Nature Officer to price up whiteboard and magnifying glasses.

ACTION: Nature Officer to ask Westerleigh PC to run hedgehog heroes stall.

ACTION: David H and Nature Officer to make an example den before event. Nature and Comms Officer to design signs for den building – to be sure to make clear not to take down new trees and just use existing logs and branches.

ACTION: Lesley to speak to schools and see if they would like to get involved with the gardening for nature idea.

ACTION: David H to send BioBlitz info to schools and ask them to engage with iNaturalist.

ACTION: Nature Officer to contact local radio and send to local councillors times available. Cllr Selman may be able to speak. Send time options to councillors.

ACTION: Nature Officer to ask if the group can borrow the battery operated moth trap from South Glos Council. David H to ask moth club volunteer if he can run moth trapping event.

RECCOMENDATION: to approve a spend of £300 for the BioBlitz event.

RECCOMENDATION: to approve a spend of £200 for wildlife art competition prizes.

RECCOMENDATION: to approve the purchase FSC guides, pots and lenses up to £250 from the allocated £3000 wildlife equipment reserve from EMR 332.

2. Pond Centenary Field

The group discussed the pros and cons of pond liners and considered using clay liner as the test pits were not holding water.

ACTION: Nature Officer to request contractors add cost for bentonite clay liner as a separate optional addition.

ACTION: Nature Officer and David H to assess pond test pits on Saturday 11th and decide if fencing to be removed and pits filled in.

3. Other Items

- Cllr Goodwin provided an update on the wind farm RIPPLE project. He shall investigate the companies biodiversity and ethical policies and report back.
- David H raised the previously investigated nature trail booklets. He spoke to Village Action and gave names of people they worked with on heritage trails booklets. David shall send prices and funding request to the Climate & Nature Committee.