



Local Environment Action Frampton (LEAF)

Working Group Notes

17th June 2024

Present: Cllr T Clark, Cllr M Hill, Cllr P Hockey, Cllr D Hockey, Cllr J Trollop, Cllr D Goodwin, Cllr A Lankaster (Chair), David Hanks (Frampton Cotterell Nature Group) and Daisy Finniear (Climate & Nature Officer, note taker).

1. Open session

Climate & Nature Officer updated the group on the following projects:

Community Nature Reserves

Parish Council owned sites, including Ridings Road, Centenary Field, Brockridge and The Park have been signed up to the Community Nature Reserves Project. The Frome Valley Medical Centre have also agreed to sign up their garden as a Community Nature Reserve.

Community Allotment

Volunteers have planted trees, cleared weeds and undertaken general maintenance such as watering. The allotment is taking shape and has a tree nursery section and a food growing section. The rhubarb grown on site was shared with volunteers and at the Brockridge Community Crop Swap.

Scything Training

Six volunteers were trained to scythe at the Centenary Field in May. They scythed under the beacon ready for its lighting at the D Day event. Eight scythes have been purchased ready to undertake further scythe sessions around parish council owned sites and the Glebeland. It was raised that Frome Valley Growing group have trained people on scything and could potentially work together to scythe larger areas, such as at Centenary Field.

ACTION: Daisy to speak to Frome Valley Growing Project to discuss scything collaborations. Speak to Somerset Scythe School to enquire about scythe groups attending a scything day at Centenary Field.

2. Climate and Nature Events

The upcoming nature art exhibition was discussed. The display boards used at the Severn Vale Art Trail are available for hire. Costs yet to be confirmed, but these could be used to display art work.

The Exhibition will be held between the 27th August and 1st September 2024 at the Brockridge Centre.

Competition details were discussed, and it was suggested that the competition should only be held for under 18s.

A talk could be held from the Secret World Of Sound producer during the exhibition. Details to be confirmed.

Volunteers will be needed to marshal the exhibition during office closed hours (weekend).

RECCOMENDATION TO CLIMATE AND NATURE COMMITTEE:

- a) To approve hiring of display boards from Severn Vale Art Trail.
- b) To hold art competition during the art exhibition for under 18s only.

3. Mini Bus Hire

The proposed trip to Green Wedmore and Green and Healthy Frome for councillors and volunteers was discussed. Green Community Travel provided a quote of £250, however details on whether any vans are electric is yet to be confirmed.

RECCOMENDATION TO CLIMATE & NATURE COMMITTEE: To hire a minibus at a cost of up to £350 to provide transport to Green Wedmore and Green and Healthy Frome. To use an electric mini bus if possible.

4. Mill Lane Wildflowers

The purchasing of wildflowers to plant on the verge at Mill Lane was discussed. The verge is situated where the barrier fencing was in place opposite the allotment gates. South Glos Council own the verge, but it does not appear to be currently managed by anyone. The Nature group can donate oxeye daisy plants. Autumn would be the best time to plant, however Cllr Lankaster has volunteered to regularly water the plants if its hot.

It was suggested that a budget be approved and set aside for purchasing wildflowers for sites across the parish of up to £500 from Earmarked Reserves (EMR).

RECCOMENDATION TO CLIMATE AND NATURE COMMITTEE: To plant wildflowers on the Mill Lane verge. To notify South Glos Council of the plans to plant wildflowers and to reserve £500 for planting across the parish.

5. Local Climate and Nature Action Plan Update

The Local Climate and Nature Action Plan (LCNAP) project suggestions from the community were reviewed.

The installation of swift boxes project was reviewed and suggested that this would need to be in place by May 2025. The Nature Group have been undertaking swift surveys which could tie in with the swift box project. Swifts prefer high buildings, therefore could work with the local churches. Emersons Green have installed boxes, seek advice from them when required.

The Local Climate and Nature workshop plan was discussed. Landowners should be invited to the workshops and a landowner meetings should be organised as part of the LCNAP update. The workshops should be held in August and could tie in with the Nature Art Exhibition. Daisy and Tim to arrange as previously resolved.

ACTION: Tim and Daisy to plan and implement the LCNAP workshops and invite local landowners.

ACTION: Daisy to group LCNAP project ideas thematically together before sharing them at the workshop.

6. Date of Next Meeting

LEAF TBC. Climate & Nature Committee 17th July, 6:30pm at the Brockeridge Centre.
Committee 17th July Brock 6:30

Meeting end 19:18.