



Environment Theme Group
Minutes Tuesday 23 February 2021

1. Present: John Martin, Nicki Dearson, Janette Matthews, John McKeon, Beth Somi, Tony Voss, Penny Weston-Webb, Fiona Gibbs

Cc Emma Crowe

John Martin to send previous minutes to Emma

2. Declarations of interest, if any: none
3. Apologies: none
4. Chair and note-taker roles: Penny Weston-Webb (chair and local lead/liaison) and Beth Somi (note-taker)
5. Notes from the previous meetings: any queries to be addressed as we reach the relevant section

John is happy to moderate our scoring, once it is complete

6. Draft #1

- First part is standard text
- Area of Cossington Meadows will be clearly marked on the figures
- Historical Environment – Janette is following up
- Natural Environment – John Martin will draft once we have completed our inventory
- Local Green Space

Again will be reviewed once inventory is complete but suggestions include: 007, churchyard (001), Fisher Close, Middlefield Road (x2), Recreation Ground (019)

- List of Open Space Typologies
 - Parks & Gardens – none
 - Amenity Green Space – Recreation Ground
 - Natural & Semi Natural Green Space, Green Corridor – trees next to Syston Road in the Recreation Ground / route of the brook
 - Childrens Play – none
 - Teenage Provision – Outdoor Gym at the Recreation Ground
 - Allotments – yes
 - Cemeteries – yes – with Swithland slate gravestones
 - Outdoor Sports Provision - Recreation Ground

All to review this list (and the one previously sent by Janette)

Janette to mark-up locations on a map

- Sites and Features of natural Environmental Significance
 - John McKeon to map trees with green dots
- Wildlife Corridor
 - Possibly the route of the brook
 - John will make suggestions for us to review

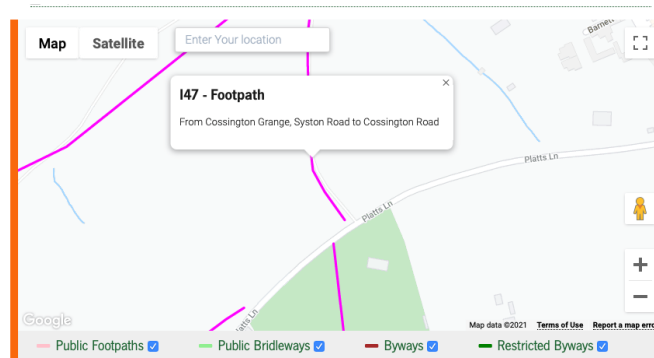
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- Local Heritage Assets
 - Historic England and County Council already have lists
 - Are there any others we want to adopt? Not always old buildings
 - We need to complete the proforma, take photos and then send a letter to the owner / occupier
- Ridge and Furrow
 - Needs checking
 - There are only 3 sections on the new map, look at adding the land near the railway line / A46, and any others to the map
- Views
 - Tony to number dots on a map and then number the photos to correspond
 - Opportunity to highlight sunrises / sunsets (I have added a photo to Dropbox of a sunrise from the gate near Derrys – we could add the view of the sunrise over 032)
- Flooding
 - Need extra flood areas confirming
 - Suggestions – Main Street and where it meets Platts Lane / Syston Road / Homestead
- Other actions
 - Read the whole document and provide feedback to John – any amends / additions?
 - Inventory
 - We can use Word or Excel
 - Save document with your name at the end of the document name
 - Beth to create the master
 - Complete first 7 columns (not the second section)
 - Find out the number of each footpath using <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/cycling-and-walking/where-to-walk-in-leicestershire>



Here is an example:



7. Date of our next meeting: Thursday 11 March 7.00 – we will update John after this meeting
8. Date of next meeting with John Martin: Wednesday 24 March 7.30

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