

# York Lodge Field Community Growing Project

## Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Apologies:** Cathy, Magda, Nikki, James, Jeff, Mark, Emma

**Attended:** Ann L, Pete, Laura, Elaine, Ann H, Lisa, Mike and Tamsin FE

### Meeting Notes

#### Catch up

- WDPC haven't awarded all the funds hoped for. Potential funds from Climate Emergency fund and from Beki Hoyland CC for Pillowwell and Bream. **Since this meeting WDPC have awarded the full cost of fencing.** GCC Free Trees Initiative – suggested trees have been included in FE group project grant submission
- Agreed that for the time being it will be called Parkend Community Project so that it can include all aspects.

#### Draft Land Management Plan

Ann Harris introduced herself and her agroforestry background working for 20 years for Natural England advising land managers.

Ann has walked the land and introduced her draft land management plan on a map and talked through potential issues, soil types, drainage, site locations etc.

She has contacted:

- Dave Priddis- local Glos Bat Group
- Dean Meadows Group-who will be surveying Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May
- Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust (GWT)
- RSPB
- The owners of York Lodge
- Tony Price who has grazed it for the last 20 years

#### Bats

- Memorial Hall and Old shop have been confirmed as a Lesser Horseshoe bat maternity roost and this would mean that the fields would be on flight lines and for foraging. Opportunities to enhance this area for bats- trees and hedges, a bat of the edges and hedges, not open spaces.
- Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) for bats across the Wye Valley, 27% of LH bats are in the FoD.

#### Access

- Crown RoW land – access to all.
- Access gates – possibly at bottom of field after Hughes Terrace and maybe another into Nagshead.

#### Orchard

- Identify appropriate location
- In field trees? – species? Non- toxic.

## **Cattle Grid Clearance**

On Mike's suggestion it was agreed to postpone this until later in the summer.

### **Next Steps**

- Continue with Management Plan
- Local knowledge, records, old photos, get to know site
- Bracken bash- Parkend school? Laura will discuss with the school
- Possible access paths/ bench
- Orchard location?
- "Events" wildflower walks?
- School yellow rattle seed planting?
- Create a draft constitution to consider at the next meeting – Pete Sherrard-Smith has offered to do this.
- Visit Worcester Walk Community Project – either 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> June early evening - please advise which you prefer
- Visit Berryhill community orchard, Colwall Orchard and wildflower meadow, Coleford Angus Buchanan
- Display of project information to be available for the Jubilee Picnic – hopefully encourage more people to get involved.
- Memento gifts for children at picnic to include wildflower seeded paper.

**Many thanks to Tamsin for the meeting notes and to Chris B who cleared most of the cattle grid before he knew of the postponement.**

**Next Meeting Weds 29<sup>th</sup> June 6.30 – 7.30pm Venue to be advised.**

**The following meeting will be held on a weekend.**