

IMPROVING AND MAINTAINING THE ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP

Notes of meeting held 08/07/15

Present : Holder, Tony Derbyshire(NCC), Alan Morris, Jean Gardener, Barry Mead,Jacci Robson,Anne Bromley, Leanne Shipley (Groundwork NE) Colin Cooper, Kevin Hindmarsh

Apologies: Michael Orde (Crown Estate)

Things are beginning to take off faster than expected thanks to Groundwork, NCC and Crown Estate.

1 NCC are to repair the railings on the "First Bridge" in the "Second Dene" (Lynemouth/Ellington).

2 Crown Estate to erect barriers at entrances to the Dene at Ellington allotments and Ellington Field near the style.

3 NCC to reinforce barriers at old railway line opposite the Doctors at Lynemouth.

4 The cost of these projects could be looked at as Match funding.

5 Crown Estate has allocated £10,000 to be used in improving the footpath through the second dene to Ellington. The path will follow the public right of way identified by NCC. At the moment the quality of the works will depend on the quotes being awaited from a contractor who has been asked to supply quotes based different standards of improvement.

6 Work is expected to commence in August 2015 and be complete by September 2015 (before winter) the £10000 must be spent by 31/03/2016 and fit in with the NCC work profile

7 Leanne (Groundwork) is to approach Lynn Birds` Group to try and formalise it into "a Friends of the Dene "Group. Hopefully they will then assist with vegetation clearance in the Dene when the work begins in August

8 The footpath from the "scrap yard" corner to Ellington Colliery has been designated a public footpath/Right of Way and will be maintained by the NCC.

9 Cycle Paths – Tony Derbyshire (NCC) will contact a colleague so we can begin identifying what work needs to be done in year 2 to start the project in year 3.

10 River Lyne – water quality – referred to Environment Agency Catchment Office to take forward.

11 A **draft** Lynemouth /Ellington Dene Management plan was presented and will be circulated electronically when I receive it in that format.

12 Applications for funding will be submitted to the Big Local Partnership by Leanne (Groundwork) in early course.

13 Groundwork continue to hold walks and activities around the area and contact Youth Groups and contact YMCA/ Haley Brown/Pat McCann for contact points.

14 Possible future events include. :

Events in conjunction with Ellington and Lynemouth Galas and Craft Fair

Liaison with the schools to encourage nature and wildlife activities such as nature trails, seed planting, bird box making and siting.

15 Barry Mead gave an update if the Pele Tower project and the application to the Partnership Board for the £5000 funding allocated in the local plan had been approved.

16 Update of progress to be given to Jean G by 22/07/15 for and article in the August edition of Cell Life.

17 NEXT MEETING 5 AUGUST 2015 10.0AM IN THE LYNEMOUTH RESOURCE CENTRE.