

NOTES OF MEETING OF CELL ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP

08/04/2015

Present: K. Hindmarsh, K. Bradshaw, (Groundwork NE), Leanne Shipley (Groundwork NE) A. Morris, J. Gardener, Michael Orde (Crown Estates) Lynn Bird, Ann.

Apologies: None

Implementing the plan

1 Some work has been done by Groundwork NE funded by a LEAF grant, and the volunteer clean-up which was very successful. Following that Groundwork organised an Easter egg hunt on the cleared land and circa 50 youngsters turned up. Hopefully as the project continues the volunteers could form a formal 'Friends of the Dene' Group.

2 Delivery of the plan was discussed and it was agreed that we would start doing simple improvements first i.e. signage, better access, and move on to stopping points and activity areas.

3 It was agreed that local aspirations had to be defined and that good quality access had to be provided to discourage unauthorised routes which damage the land. If the Crown Estate like what we are doing as a landowner they could compliment this by becoming more involved.

4 Action Plan

4.1 A Management Site/ Structure plan to be drawn up by **Groundwork (NE) for June 2015**. This will be based on a Community Woodland plan rather than a Forestry Commission one. The object will be to keep a natural look to the improvements/facilities and not turn them into "a park" setting.

4.2 Continue to engage with the School and advertise future events via social media in conjunction with CELL –Big Local.

4.3 As things progress perhaps liaise with other Community Woodland Groups and encourage youth participation in the form of "Young Rangers".

4.4 Following the Parish Councils' initiative of leafleting of all households re fly tipping it was suggested that NCC be asked to provide a skip on regular intervals throughout the year to try and reduce fly tipping incidents.

5 Widening footpath Barron's Walk Lynemouth Dene

5.1 This footpath has become narrow owing to the encroachment of grass etc. Kevin asked if part of the £15,000 set aside for the "enhancement fund" could be used to

reinstate it. **Groundwork** will supply a contact number to obtain a quote and then this could be referred to the Big Local Board.

6 Community Vehicle

6.1 Kevin reported it had been suggested at a Parish meeting to purchase a small multi-purpose vehicle and asked if Big Local would be interested in funding part of the cost.

6.1 After discussing this and, based on a partners experience in owning vehicles, it was felt:

6.1.1 That to pay for itself the vehicle would have to be used 4 days every week. This is because overheads are being incurred all the time it is not being used. (Overheads being – tax, insurance, M.o.T., training, storage, repairs, driver costs etc.)

6.1.2 It was suggested a better alternative would be to devise a work programme and if a vehicle was needed then one could be leased which would work out less expensive.

Date and Time of Next meeting

27 May 2015 10.00am Lynemouth Resource Centre.