

BIODIVERSITY WORKING GROUP

Report of meeting on 21 October 2009. Littleham Village Hall.

Present:

John Bromhead, Anne Davies, Mari Galvin, Chris Hassall, Prue Phillips, Greg Smith, Janice Whittington.

The code of conduct and the aims of the Biodiversity Group were adopted.

The suggested projects were discussed and the following agreed:

1. The work of the wildflower which had been started by Anne Davies in Littleham would be continued and extended to include Landcross. Mari agreed to put Anne's table of plant species onto a spreadsheet and to provide copies for both Littleham and Landcross.
2. It was agreed that a survey of trees in public areas would be undertaken. Chris agreed to contact the Tree Officer for protected trees at TDC to find out which trees in the parish, if any, have a preservation order on them.
3. To encourage biodiversity in the garden, advice for gardeners would be put into the Crosslet and on the website early in 2010. Mari would coordinate advice from the group and work with Anne on production of the article.
4. It was thought that the Japanese knotweed was not now a problem in the parish but there was a lot of Himalayan balsam in a hedge in Littleham. Greg agreed to talk to Chris Pedler of Landcross about how this can be eliminated as he has experience in these matters.
5. If possible a small area of the playing field could be set aside for planting a few trees and encouraging wildflowers. Youngsters in the village would be encouraged to participate in this.

Mari agreed to seek the agreement of the Hall Committee. If this is agreed then the Hall Committee would be asked to establish exactly the area of land, and its position, to be used for this purpose.

The venue for meetings was discussed. It was decided that if possible meetings would take place in either Littleham or Landcross. The next meeting will be on Monday 18 January at 2.30 pm at Furlong House, Littleham.