

ENVIRONMENT / BIODIVERSITY PLAN

BURTON JOYCE PARISH COUNCIL AND BURTON JOYCE CLIMATE & BIODIVERSITY GROUP

March 2021

Aim	Details	Comments	Action	Timeframe
Future plantings by Parish Council to be pollinator friendly	Flower beds and hanging baskets planted by and on behalf of Parish Council to have pollinator friendly bedding plants. E.g. Dahlia, Wallflower, Sweet William, Rudbekia, some types of Cosmos. The RHS have a list of suitable plants.	Begonias liked by may in the village. Agreed a process of education needed through publicity of aims.	To begin by alternating new with existing schemes.	Spring / Summer 2021
	Future planting schemes and tree plantings to use plants which are pollinator/bird/wildlife friendly.	Agreed. Pollinator-friendly bulbs to be planted in verges. Can be bought wholesale in the autumn. Financial donations to be requested publicly. To be planted around street furniture and trees. Proposed that donations can be made in remembrance of Covid-19 losses.	Public request for donations to me made in the summer in time for autumn planting. Climate and Biodiversity Group (CBG) to send details of discounts from naturescape.	July / August
	Re establish the wild flower meadow in the Grove and keep it maintained with appropriate management. (David List has calculated a price of roughly £700 to re-establish the meadow at the Grove. Native wild flower seeds can be ordered from Naturescape in Langar.)	This will require rotavating for new seeds to be planted. Remaining budget to be reviewed before funds can be confirmed.	BJPC to contact Notts WT trust re grants and to review status of planting budget.	March 2021
	Establish a wildflower strip on a prominent grass verge e.g. near the Roberts recreation ground which can be mown around.	Agreed that area by Roberts Rec would be the best location – central and visible	Implement and install sign on railings	March 2021

	Consider adopting “No Mow May” for amenity grasslands and verges mowed by the Parish council and publicise why this is a good thing to do for wildlife. https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/about-us/news/no-mow-may-how-to-get-ten-times-more-bees-on-your-lockdown-lawn	Discussions taken place with NCC. Noted no facility to flail, so needs to be manageable in the short term. Via would need to be contacted for any major changes.	Start with not mowing the centre of the area by Roberts Rec and review impact and practicalities.	May 2021
	Make some changes in the cemetery: re-naturalising the small bank under the tree in the cemetery with crocuses and primroses, sowing the old open grave tops (initially 10) with wild flowers and planting the 4 formal beds with pollinator friendly plants.	Preparatory work in the cemetery is near completion and will be ready for voluntary groups to submit ideas. Proposed to wildflower seeding on old graves in front area of cemetery. Grants for wildflower seed purchase to be explored.	Formalised volunteer registration and risk assessments to be put in place. Volunteer groups to be asked to put forward planting plans.	March 2021
	The Burton Joyce climate action group would also like to encourage the school and local businesses to each sow a pot of wild flowers in the spring-would the Parish Council have the resources to provide some extra wild flower seed for this?	Grants for wildflower seed purchase to be explored.	BJCP to contact Notts WT	Feb 2021
Become peat-free	Set a date to phase out all use of peat as soon as possible. Use peat free compost instead and source plants grown in peat free compost.	Request supplier to provide peat free grown bedding plants. To not use peat in plantings schemes. Allotments holders to be asked to stop using peat.	Garden Holders Association to contact allotment holders to request peat is no longer used. Action peat free plants in village displays immediately.	March / April 2021
Enhance biodiversity in the village	Notts Wildlife Trust (NWT) is being invited to visit green spaces in the village (as discussed in recent meeting) to advise on how to increase biodiversity. Use this advice to shape further actions to improve the environment in the village.	On hold until Covid pandemic lockdown is relaxed.	BJPC to contact NWT	Feb / March 2021
	NWT has previously been invited to advise on enhancing biodiversity in the Grove. The meadow was established but other advice not adopted. Please could the Parish Council support the adoption of these ideas?	To be reviewed in conjunction with NWT visit	As above	Feb / March 2021

	Start a programme to put up bird and bat boxes and bee hotels in village green spaces and encourage villagers to follow suit.	An anonymous donation of £100 has been received to install bird and bat boxes. NWT could give talk to school and Scouts.	Location to be agreed in conjunction with NWT visit. CBG to open discussions with primary school and Scouts. BJPC to publicise request for further donations.	April / May
	Survey the pond in the old school garden and make the pond a part of the future plans for the garden redevelopment.	Old School site plans currently on hold whilst awaiting funding decision from Old School Trust.	Pond to be surveyed when project commences.	2021
	Use influence in new housing developments e.g. Glebe Farm, to encourage developers to include native tree planting, green spaces, hedgehog highways, swift box bricks, bee bricks.	Beyond control of Parish Council but can be considered and commented on in planning application observations submitted to GBC	Planning committee to make appropriate comments in applications received for consultation.	Immediate
	If trees are removed in the village, replace them with another tree which is native/wildlife friendly.	BJPC to explore grants and funds available for replacement tree planting. Mistakes to be learnt from when planting new trees – position and type.	Principle agreed	Immediate
	Support the reduction in the use of pesticides in the village. Don't use herbicides when flowers (wild or cultivated) are flowering as this puts pollinating insect at risk. e.g. currently the base of trees and posts on Padley's lane are sprayed to keep the grass low for purely aesthetic reasons, this could be strimmed but would require the funding of a few more man hours.	Use of glyphosate is kept to a minimum. Alternative ways to suppress weeds around tree bases to be explored – e.g. bulb planting. Can review one site per year, starting with borders in Roberts Rec.	BJPC to keep record of quantity of glyphosate used. Estimated currently around 20 litres per year. Long term can move to mulching.	Immediately in Roberts Rec and then new sites each year.
	The area where the Centrico gas pipes are, near the Millennium Sun dial on the A612 is quite overgrown. Could the Parish Council write to Centrico to ask them if they will fund the replanting of the area with some wildlife friendly shrubs and plants?	Agreed.	BJPC to get contact number form box and request for it to be maintained by a community group.	March 2021
Support the involvement of members of the community	Encourage volunteers to help in some of these projects by assisting them with risk assessments e.g. helping to clear/replant bushes and plants in the Centrico area, or helping the work at the Grove.	Parish Council to review and update existing volunteer policies.	BJPC to action	March /April 2021

	Publicise this environmental plan so villagers and visitors are aware and hopefully follow suit.	Publish on Website and Noticeboard and provide link on Facebook	BJPC to action	March 2021
	The Old school garden development could also include other simple but important ideas to help wildlife for visitors to see, such as a hedgehog highway, swift box, bird box and bee hotel, water butt.	Agreed	To be considered in planning phase	2021
Re-evaluate type of equipment purchased	Consider replacing petrol powered machinery at the end of its life with electric rechargeable equivalent e.g. strimmers. As well as being lighter weight for staff to use, a renewable electricity tariff means a reduction in CO2 emissions. Issue of measurement of air pollution levels discussed.	Noted that electric hand machinery is also lighter and better for the staff using them. Reserve of £2,500 per year started as part of annual budget. To build up reserve for such future investment.	On-going. CBG to explore means of measuring air pollution in Sneinton project.	From April 2021 budget. By next review.
Review the plan yearly to progress it	Process to be publicised to involve the community and demonstrate action is being taken. Blue hearts to be put in areas to indicate changes are being made. 20 Actions paper is part of the Parish Council's ongoing agenda.	Agreed quarterly reviews by Communities Committee were needed.	Publicise in The Magazine, the Annual Report and Website.	Annual Report – May The Magazine – June Website - May