

## FoUSCA Group Meeting 12.02.24

### Present.

Georgia  
Steve  
Glyn  
Jane (minutes)

**Apologies** Kirsty

### Updates

Georgia thanked members for sharing their views on coppicing the hazel. The PC and USRA took advice from Notts Wildlife Trust and Tom Pettit the Conservation Officer from RBC. The conclusion from the advice and the consultation was that maintenance does need doing to lighten the canopy and encourage diversity. There are no concerns re any Tree Preservation Orders and the work will be done before the bird nesting season by a contractor. The Woodland Walk will be closed while the work is completed.

A tree will be planted, probably on the open land at the junction of Westminster Drive and Buckingham Drive, using money from the Open Gardens. This will be to mark 25 years of Upper Saxondale and it is believed the tree will be a scarlet oak.

A planning application has been made for the felling of 2 large trees on Westminster Drive due to the presence of fungus which creates a risk of the trees falling close to the road and footpath.

Local Authorities have a duty to produce paperwork regarding local biodiversity, under the Environment Act. This includes questions regarding the involvement of the community and provisions for protection and improvement. A copy of the questionnaire is included with these minutes if anyone would like to answer any of the questions and return it to Georgia who will coordinate any replies and conclude.

A bird list of sightings in Upper Saxondale has been requested. Jane will provide one from her experience and give to Georgia.

The Parish Council are looking at options for new noticeboards and signage.

### Future Events

As mentioned, the woodland will be closed for a few days soon while the contractors carry out maintenance.

The last working party had 15 - 20 volunteers. Work was done pruning apple and pear trees, clearing the road and taking the plastic guards from the woodland trees that have now grown,. All the debris was cleared by Streetwise.

### **AOB**

The meeting agreed to create an agenda before each meeting. It was agreed to continue with the headings used currently as the basic format. Any items can be sent to Jane at least 2 weeks before the next meeting date and she will send the agenda out to any attendees from the previous 3 meetings.

**The next meeting will be 22nd April at 7.30.**

Steve will book the hall.