

## FoUSCA Group Meeting

27.11.23

**Present:** Steve (Chair), Georgia, Kirsty, Jane (minutes), Phil

**Apologies:** Glyn, Chris

**Updates.** Georgia reported on relevant matters from the Parish Council. The clearance of the bramble growth in the orchard happened very quickly. The Council having been offered the opportunity for this at short notice. There were some comments that the result was too extreme. Georgia and Kim reviewed the clearance with Ben Driver from Notts Wildlife Trust (NWT) who felt the clearance did not compromise habitats.

Ben also talked about coppicing the hazel trees in the woodland. If this is to be done agreement will be needed from Rushcliffe B C. due to the Conservation Area status. Tom Petit, tree officer from RBC, is coming to meet with Kim and Georgia on Wednesday at 10am to identify whether coppicing would be needed and allowed. Open invitation to join them. Some discussion on why intervene with the natural growth pattern of the trees. Information paper shared.

The Open Gardens Committee will decide on how the monies from their event is spent.

The planned new benches are in hand and will be installed soon.

The P.C. are pleased with the work completed by DWH so far. These projects include the pergolas, road resurfacing, tunnels and hedges.

**NWT Event** went well.

**Priority Areas for Action.** This item is shelved pending the PC takeover of the land from DWH.

**Upcoming dates.** There is a tidy up event this Sunday morning.

**À.O.B.** Fay Harrison has queried the membership of this group. No one present had knowledge of a definitive list. Several individuals have come and gone during the existence of FoUSCA. Minutes are sent to those attending or sending apologies.

Glyn had asked for some matters to be raised in his absence.

The PC is now aware of who owns which small, odd pieces of landscape. They will discuss what they will do with this information which runs into several pages.

The trees on Millennium Way are still the responsibility of DWH.

The Bowling Club can approach the PC re any gaps in the hedge.

**Date of next meeting: 12th February 2024 7.30pm.** Steve will book the hall.