

Minutes of Loxley Environment Group – 15/2/18, 7.45pm

Present: Julie Fewins (chair), Dan Bate, Glynn Jones, Matthew Watson
(Loxley Primary School)

Apologies: Jonathan Baker, Maria Garcia,

1. Wild Flower Garden/Forest School Project

Matthew Watson updated group on how the school is utilising the Forest school so far. Year 2 have been involved in a scavenger hunt, team building, guiding around the field, sensory work, coat of arms design and fire pit which can be used again. So far they have used it for 2 hours per week over a period of 6 weeks on a Thursday afternoon. There will be another stint in summer term. Other years involved too but more to follow. Students have been positive about the experience.

Matthew was keen to get a withy dome/tunnel - £350 per day - to divide the space. Group agreed this was good idea. Funds to come from school budgets – tbc.

Glynn Jones then updated group on the set up of the planning committee for the playing field as per the deeds. Parish Council sought legal advice (See Parish Council minutes related to this). Up to 9 members of committee required to meet once per year. Co-opt LPC members and any members of the Environment Group who are interested to sit on the Committee and hold meeting after AGM in May.

The ideas for the community garden fit the deed, which says the field can be used for “mental, spiritual and physical” use. Discussion ensued as to next steps and community involvement. It was decided to hold an open morning but how to go about this? It was decided a practical approach should be taken: - meet on the field and share ideas.

Actions

- Design a flyer for an open day on the field where community members can generate ideas.
End of April Saturday am, 21st or 28th 10/11am
- Bring ideas (photos, designs etc) to next meeting where we will plan event. Julie to collate ideas/images and possibly use social media to share
- **Meet again on Thursday 15th March 8pm**

2. Walking routes

Glynn suggested that as we had some walking routes semi written we should upload these as they are to the website. Send them to Glynn for uploading.

3. Kissing gate is now installed

Well done all involved in this. Peter Gregory Hood keen to get rest of stiles done. Dan/Glynn to assess stiles on his land so we can decide what needs doing. Bring to next meeting. Way markers are with Julie.

4. Community Walk

Leave till after community garden drop in but put on same flyer? Bluebell walk in May? Tba next meeting.

AOB

- Dog bin has also been placed on green
- Benches – New benches on field to be discussed at Parish Council. Bench by bus stop could be relocated – to be discussed further.

Meeting closed approx. 9pm, Julie Fewins