

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY  
ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

Parks, Green Space and Countryside Stakeholder Panel Agenda

Date and Time: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2022  
19:00 - 21:00.

Location: Online Teams Meeting

1. Welcome and Apologies,
2. Previous minutes V3 (20/07/2021) – agreement,
3. Review of actions in ‘Action Update Document’ (25/10/2021),
4. idverde Update,
5. LBB Update,
6. Feedback from Stakeholders,
7. Terms of Reference V4 – Review and agreement,
8. AOB,
9. Date of future meeting, - July 2022

### Attendees

#### London Borough of Bromley (LBB)

- **Peter McCready (PMc)** - Assistant Director of Environment (Chairman),
- **Sarah Foster (SF)** - Assistant Director Performance Management & Business Support,
- **James Hilsden (JH)** - Neighbourhood Manager & Borough Parks Manager,
- **Hugh Chapman (HC)** – Arboricultural Manager,
- **Paul Mellor (PM)** – Principal Planner,

#### idverde

- **Martyn Bradley (MB)** - Operations Director,
- **John Pemberton (JP)** – Conservation & Education Development Manager,
- **Andrew Hodgson (AH)** – Operations Manager,
- **Amy Rogers (AR)** – Fundraising Manager,

#### Stakeholders

- **Dr Judith John (JJ)** – Orpington Field Club (OFC),
- **Larry Herbert (LH)** - Friends Forum, Chairman
- **Peter Woodward (PW)** - Chislehurst and St Paul's Cray Commons,
- **Janet Clayton (JC)** - Orpington and District Archaeological Society (ODAS),

#### Apologies

- **Helen Stickling (HS)** – Arboricultural Support Officer,
- **Councillor William Huntington-Thresher (Cllr WHT)** - Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services,
- **Jamie Fletcher (JF)** - Bromley Biodiversity Partnership (BBP),
- **Clive Chapman (CC)** - Bromley Council Bowling Club Association (BCBCA) (received post meeting)

#### Other Non-Attendance

- **Councillor William Harmer (Cllr WH)** - Chairman, Environment and Community Services Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee,
- **Clive Randell (CR)** - Chairman of the Leisure Garden and Allotment Federation.

Agenda Items	Owner	Target Date
<p><b>Welcome and Apologies</b></p> <p>PMc welcomed attendees. The last meeting was in July 2021 and there have been lots of changes since then. PMc thanked everyone for all they do to protect, conserve and enhance the borough's parks, green spaces and countryside.</p> <p>Introductions were provided by all attendees.</p>		
<p><b>Previous minutes V3 (20/07/2021)</b></p> <p>PMc advised that the previous meeting minutes had been provided to all attendees via email. An interim action update has been introduced given the six-monthly interval between meetings, in order to provide timely updates to delegates in between the meetings.</p> <p>PMc asked if there were any items for accuracy comments with the previous meeting minutes. There were no items to be raised and the meeting minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.</p>		
<p><b>Action Log Review</b></p> <p>Attendees reviewed the action update document (dated 25/10/21) which had been circulated prior to the meeting and contained narrative for each action.</p> <p><b>Action 1 – RSPB Partnership –</b> JH chased w/c 20/12/21 and will do so again this week.</p> <p>Item remains open.</p> <p><b>Action 2 - Open Space Strategy –</b> PMc confirmed that the ECS PDS committee received the officers report on 17/11/21 and the Chairman agreed that the OSS would be adopted. Officers would now develop the action plan and implementation approach for the OSS. PMc proposed that at future meetings of the Panel, an agenda item is included so that we can take forward dialogue round the OSS plan.</p> <p>Each year, LBB will report to Members on the idverde contract as well as content of the OSS action plan. The OSS is a ten-year document and each year we will be approaching Members for approval. Some of the development of the plan will be at this meeting, but this engagement will need to be had in between meetings also.</p> <p>Action closed.</p> <p>LH asked about the issue of the document and displaying this on the website. PMc advised that the redesigned 'glossy version' of the strategy will be online before the end of January. This will be circulated to delegates also.</p> <p><b>ACTION: PMc to circulate final Open Space Strategy document to stakeholders</b></p> <p>JJ sent 29 corrections which were corrected. In the latest version there are a few more. JJ will send to PMc and SF and these will be incorporated. PW also has some changes which will be picked up by David Braybrook.</p> <p><b>ACTION: JJ to send corrections to SF and PMc</b></p>	<p>PMc</p> <p>JJ</p>	<p>01/02/22</p> <p>28/01/22</p>

<p><b>Action 3 - Tree Management Strategy</b> – HC advised that the updates have been penned – including Ash dieback. Existing Tree Management Strategy will come back to PDS in the summer of 2022.</p> <p>JJ asked to see the addendums for these documents, as well as the proposed tree planting locations (woodland sites specifically, but all would be useful).</p> <p>HC confirmed that this would be no problem in terms of the woodlands and we are due to consult soon.</p> <p><b>ACTION: HC to send tree planting locations to JJ</b></p> <p>In terms of the street trees, HC is happy to share but advised to please bear in mind that planting locations may need to be amended slightly as issues crop up around tree pits (i.e., utilities). Some members of the group may have some knowledge and can help.</p> <p>JJ also asked how species are being selected – Gingko example outside Darrick Wood school has no ecological value and wondered why non-native species are being planted in green space? HC advised that this provides resilience in close proximity to the highway. HC is happy to include a more comprehensive list of factors, not just the ecological benefit in terms of how they sit in the native environment.</p> <p>PMc asked for this to be discussed under LBB tree update item.</p> <p>Item remains open.</p> <p><b>Action 4 - Unmown Verges</b> – PMc advised that moving forward the PDS committee will have much more oversight of where unmown verges are located. The Portfolio Holder is keen on this approach. We need to determine the approach and the criteria. PMc advised that he anticipates this information coming back to the group before the next meeting. The approach to all of our grass verges as a whole is needed, in conversation with our stakeholders. This will include a review of the proposed draft list of sites.</p> <p>JJ asked for a copy of the list of sites. PMc advised that this will be provided as part of that process as the list needs to be further developed with Council Members. PMc reiterated that stakeholders will be fully engaged in this process.</p> <p>Item remains open.</p> <p><b>Action 5 - Bromley Biodiversity Plan 2021-2026</b> – PMc proposes that this action is closed as the Plan has been published.</p> <p>Item closed.</p> <p><b>Action 6 - Orpington Excelsior water leak</b> – CC is not on the call but JH provided an update. JH was in touch with CC last week and advised that outstanding payments were to blame for the disconnection of the water supply at Poverest Rec. The relevant cost codes were supplied to Zak Ajia (LBB Utilities Manager).</p> <p>Item closed.</p> <p><b>Action 7 - Pesticides and Lot 4</b> – JP circulated the required information.</p>	<p>HC</p>	<p>31/01/22</p>
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<p>Item Closed</p> <p><b>Action 8 - Cudham Lane</b> – HC advised that he was unable to find out any more about the Forestry Commission being able to progress this. The Police were not pursuing this.</p> <p>JJ asked about restocking with mixed species, including Hazel, as dormice are present. HC advised that he would check with planning the exact wording of the restocking conditions.</p> <p>HC advised that he is happy to follow up with JJ outside the meeting.</p> <p><b>ACTION: HC to check the exact wording of the restocking conditions at Cudham Lane and liaise with JJ outside of the meeting.</b></p> <p>Item closed.</p> <p><b>Action 9 – Property Maintenance</b> – Functions were brought back in house in October 2021. PMc passed on contact information and CC was happy with this.</p> <p>Item closed.</p> <p><b>Action 10 – Friends Forum Partnership Statement</b> – PMc passed the statement to LH.</p> <p>Item closed.</p> <p><b>Action 11 – AGM Report</b> – JH confirms that this was completed on 21/07/21.</p> <p>Item closed.</p> <p><b>Action 12 – Friends Forum Funding</b> – SF to provide clarification to the Friends Forum. Idverde have already provided feedback to SF and this will have further internal discussion and confirmation before SF responds to LH directly.</p> <p>Item remains open.</p> <p><b>Action 13 - Greenspace information for Greater London (GiGL) - PW</b> confirmed that Paul Mellor from the planning department had contacted GiGL. Chislehurst and St Paul’s Commons can access GiGL data as part of the LBB/GiGL agreement.</p> <p>Item closed.</p> <p><b>Action 14 – Scadbury Park</b></p> <p>PMc advised that as officers we have tried to ensure that Scadbury is referenced through the OSS delivery and action plan moving forward. Item to be closed as this was on the agenda due to the OSS. JC would like to see more liaison in terms of how the strategy is taken forward. JH advised that the Implementation Plan for the OSS will evolve over time. The first version should be available in the next month and stakeholders will have sight of that.</p> <p>Item closed.</p>	<p>HC</p>	<p>28/02/22</p>
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<p><b>idverde Update</b></p> <p>MB joined the contract in September and has been very impressed with the engagement with stakeholders and with the professionalism of idverde managers.</p> <p>AR touched on three of the key projects that are ongoing (though there are many others also in progress).</p> <p>1) Scadbury and the Moated Manor</p> <p>Priority conservation work is now almost complete, with grant funding from Historic England; ODAS were providing archaeological input. An additional £10k has been awarded due to increased works required on site. AR encouraged attendance at the ODAS Open Weekend in the autumn.</p> <p>2) Hoblingwell BMX track</p> <p>Waiting for planning conditions to be discharged to enable us to formally ask the contractor to mobilise the track build. Hoping for first week of Feb for commencement and works likely to continue to May. Landscaping (seating, containers) expected after the track is built. Partner is Access Sport (charity). Working with local schools and youth groups, we will encourage children initially (but all sectors of the community) to get involved. An open event will happen.</p> <p>3) Bowie Bandstand</p> <p>Working with Purcell to develop designs before going for listed building consent and work starting on site in September.</p> <p>This year will be amazing and all the groups' hard work will be realised.</p> <p>Idverde currently recruiting for a replacement Fundraiser. AR happy to share the job description with anyone.</p> <p>PW requested an updated staffing structure chart. MB advised that this could be circulated with the minutes. LH then advised that the structure chart for idverde is on the Friends Forum website here:  <a href="https://www.bromleyfriendsforum.org/toolkit.html">https://www.bromleyfriendsforum.org/toolkit.html</a></p> <p>PW also asked for a council structure chart and this will also be circulated when the restructure has been completed.</p> <p><b>ACTION: PMc to circulate an updated Council structure chart when available.</b></p> <p>JP shared an update (presentation on screen) on Countryside and Biodiversity related matters.</p> <p>Volunteering summary (those supervised by idverde only) showed that 7000 hours had been exceeded which was excellent given COVID restrictions early in the year. 265 sessions delivered. In terms of habitat worked on, this is primarily woodland. Tasks are overwhelmingly focussed on habitat management.</p> <p>Highlights – Charlotte Eley has joined as Community &amp; Conservation Ranger replacing Angela Wood (who stays within the business). Ranger team fully staffed from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January. CE will oversee Jubilee Country Park. Looking for additional environmental education and visitor centre staff. Helen Cassidy back from maternity leave.</p>	<p>PMc</p>	<p>28/02/22</p>
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<p>Brilliant Butterflies successfully closed funded phase of project. Training for volunteers to survey Coney Hall Rec, Biggin Hill Rec, Green St Green Common and Leaves Green Common.</p> <p>Bat surveys recommencing (have only been visual not box surveys to avoid risk of passing COVID to bats).</p> <p>Fledged Barn Owl chicks have been ringed (x3) to track progress. First in Bromley for some time.</p> <p>Consultancy visits and audit of habitat management with RSPB and KRAG on multiple sites.</p> <p>Year 1 of new Countryside Stewardship agreements successfully fulfilled their planned prescriptions.</p> <p>New iBBAP being finalised and will be up on the idverde website in early February 2022.</p> <p><b>2021/22 Winter Habitat Works Update:</b></p> <p>High Elms: compartment thinning, hazel coppicing          Crofton Woods: compartment thinning, alder coppicing          Scadbury Park: compartment thinning          Darrick &amp; Newstead Woods: Ride creation/widening          High Elms and Hangrove: winter sheep grazing          Langley Park: compartment thinning, track clearance &amp; coppicing          Cheyne Woods: Whip planting          Hayes Common: compartment thinning, track clearance &amp; coppicing          Keston Common: compartment thinning          Elmstead Woods: compartment thinning          Farnborough Common: compartment thinning and stump treatment</p> <p>PW thanked JP for the update and all the good work!</p> <p>AH advised that the winter is time when we take stock and review the grounds maintenance service. AH reported that there is a huge increase in event enquiries. JJ asked about the hay cutting and AH advised that we are reviewing this and are going to work to tidy this up for 2022.</p>		
<p><b>LBB update</b></p> <p><b><u>Parks Management and Grounds Maintenance (Lot 4) Update</u></b></p> <p>JH updated on staffing and that many had been affected by COVID, but we are on schedule. Grass cutting will start soon and we are keen to take forward the verges approval through the PDS.</p> <p>We have been interviewing internally and will have two dedicated Parks Contract Monitoring Officers soon to support the service (in post from 01/02/22). In addition, there is a Strategic Commissioning Officer to support with projects.</p> <p><b><u>Arboricultural Services (Lot 5) Update</u></b></p> <p>HC advised that an Assistant Manager has been appointed in the team this week to support him. In addition, specialisms have been allocated to officers within the tree team. For example – a specialist in woodlands who can work with idverde on</p>		

<p>woodland development plans. There is also a dedicated officer for tree planting who will input to strategy. Another is looking into insurance and another for contract monitoring for Glendale. Assistant Arboricultural Officer is keeping on top of the admin.</p> <p>‘Treemendous’ tree planting programme will plant 5000 street trees over four years. This will run alongside the normal planting schedule, where we replace trees that have had to be felled the year before. We are looking at 1600-1800 trees planted each year and this will have quite an impact. We are getting a lot of positive feedback from the public.</p> <p>50% approximately native species on the current tree planting list. We take a long-term view with the planting to ensure the trees get the best chance of reaching their full size. We plant a variety of trees to give us lots of options. We can predict with some degree of accuracy the changes in weather and temperature but can’t really predict disease. We can no longer plant Elm, Ash and Oak (these are almost exclusively imported and there is a ban due to Oak Processionary Moth). In terms of benefits (such as Carbon sequestration) we are short of species from the native list. We need to get a bit more creative with the relatively short list of species to fill that gap. There’s more to it than that (HC would be happy to discuss further) but this is an overview of why we can’t plant more native trees.</p> <p>We are also tendering a new contract for young tree maintenance and tree planting. We are adopting a new approach to new tree planting. We are no longer using virgin rubber for the straps or the cages as these damage the trees. Whilst we have phased these out of practice we are now looking to remove and recycle these. Hessian ties will be used moving forward. We used to request that trees are planted for one year post planting – this is now three. We now want to publicly report the establishment rates of our trees.</p> <p>All of these practices will be mirrored on any standard trees we plant in parks.</p> <p>We have also been working with the Council’s Carbon Management Team and with idverde on a Woodlands Establishment Programme. Stage 1 of the grant application process is to pick a list of sites and evaluate them. The Forestry Commission have visited to discuss our early-stage plans. We have authorisation to proceed with stage 2 which is around stakeholder engagement. This engagement will now pick up pace over the coming months.</p> <p>Sites are in Edgebury (was a grazing site and half will be used for a new school), Strainey Fields in the South of the borough, another grazing site at the bottom of Kemnal Road and a smaller site at Worlds End Lane (next to SINC). Last site may be more likely for a rewilding opportunity for the grassland.</p> <p>JJ has old data re: the site at World’s End Lane but would be interested in new data and taking a look. JJ advised that it is badly scrubbed when she was last there. JJ would like the list and can supply biodiversity information from people that know the sites.</p> <p><b>ACTION: HC to provide drafts of Ash dieback and Tree Management documents (incorporated into action 3)</b></p> <p><b><u>Planning Update</u></b></p> <p>Backlog in terms of applications and the time it takes to determine them. This could have an impact on the Scadbury project and Bowie Bandstand.</p>	<p>HC</p>	<p>31.01.22</p>
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<p>PM works in the policy team. Have reviewed all the lists of sites and gathering evidence to support Local Plan. Will link to outdoor sports. May be scope to enlarge boundaries of existing sites. Planning is involved in the development of the new woodlands. Local Nature Recovery Strategies could link in here. DEFRA undertook a consultation and we are expecting to hear soon about how this will proceed. GLA will take feedback from bodies and other stakeholders.</p> <p>15 months after public consultation, potential to zone all sites for regen, renewal or protection has gone quiet.</p> <p>JJ commented on Nature Recovery Networks, and the importance of Bromley hiring an ecologist. PM is unsure of structurally whether they would sit within the planning team or not. Tim Horsman may be the best person to pitch this to as Director of Planning. This area of work is only part of PM's workload and help would be welcomed in terms of covering biodiversity policy and review of planning documentation in this regard. JJ happy to highlight this to the appropriate people at the Council if advised who this is.</p> <p>JC asked about the draft proposals for Areas of Archaeological Significance in the Borough; the draft is included in the section of the website covering the Local Plan. Were originally told there would be consultation on the draft but it is unclear when this will take place. This is of relevance to the OSS Action Plan for Scadbury, because the manor site at Scadbury will be given a score in terms of the AAS proposals and this could be relevant to future plans for the site. Important the two strands are brought together. PM will check with the conservation officer and confirm back to JC.</p> <p><b>ACTION: PM to confirm to JC who the correct officer is to consult with on the draft proposals for Areas of Archaeological Significance</b></p> <p>PMc summarised the restructure in Neighbourhood Management. The structure of the existing client team was unable to achieve everything that LBB needed.</p> <p>PMc covers a wide range of services and I proposed a restructure to better align services and resources. There was also a direction from Colin Brand to establish a split between the areas of Waste, Streets and Enforcement (PMc) and Parks, Trees and Carbon Management (SF).</p> <p>SF is now moving on to take on a Directorship at the London Borough of Redbridge. An Assistant Director will be recruited to replace SF and the restructure will go ahead as planned (with a focus by that new officer on the green agenda, including attendance at this meeting)</p> <p>Interviews have been held to recruit to all the other positions under the new structure and positions will commence from 1<sup>st</sup> February.</p> <p>SF outlined her commitment to support with Trees (predominantly) and Parks (outstanding Friends actions) before she leaves the Council.</p> <p>On the Open Space Strategy, PMc advised that a number of officers will be needed to support with the implementation. Two dedicated Parks officers and a Project officer will be working on this. A steering group chaired by PMc to start with will take this forward and there will be engagement with all relevant stakeholders. PMc suggests that the action plan is developed over the next 3 months and that there is also engagement at Member level.</p>	<p>PM</p>	<p>28/02/22</p>
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<p>It is likely that approval will be sought in the summer (via PDS) of the implementation plan (which includes the 'shopping list' of projects over a rolling three-year programme).</p> <p>JC fed back that it's good news that the team will be strengthened as there has been a lot of work in this area. JC asked if Environment or Regen would be taking the lead. PMC advised that Environment would be taking the lead on the proposal in the OSS. JC raised concern that both have a project for Scadbury in their strategy and it is important these are taken forward consistently.</p>		
<p><b><u>Bromley Council Bowling Club Association (BCBCA) - (Clive Chapman)</u></b></p> <p>Not represented at the meeting.</p>		
<p><b><u>Bromley Biodiversity Partnership Species &amp; Habitats sub-group &amp; Orpington Field Club (Dr Judith John)</u></b></p> <p><b>Citizen Science</b>          Toad, Hedgehog, Swift and White Admiral Butterfly: recording will again be promoted in 2022 via posters and articles. Records for Purple Emperor Butterfly will also be requested.          Full 2021 reports for <b>hedgehog and toad</b> together with maps and factsheets will be available from February on Bromley Friends Forum Website at <a href="https://www.bromleyfriendsforum.org/biodiversity.html">https://www.bromleyfriendsforum.org/biodiversity.html</a></p> <p>All records received have been sent to the local records centre, Greenspace Information for Greater London (GiGL). Toad records also sent to Kent Reptile and Amphibian Group (KRAG).</p> <p><b>Swifts:</b> To check where swifts are in LBB use the RSPB swift mapper website at <a href="https://www.swiftmapper.org.uk/">https://www.swiftmapper.org.uk/</a> Swift Champions continue to write letters to LBB Planning Department requesting swift bricks in areas where swifts have been seen flying low.</p> <p><b>White Admiral Butterflies:</b> the population in Crofton Woods is doing well, with sensitive management. Few other records were received. It is necessary to increase awareness of these butterflies, their dependence on honeysuckle and the need to retain honeysuckle which is growing 2 metres above ground. These surveys inform work carried out as part of Bromley's Species Action Plans, see <a href="https://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/200023/conservation/246/biodiversity_in_bromley">https://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/200023/conservation/246/biodiversity_in_bromley</a> Actions for the Bat and Dormouse SAPs also continue.</p> <p><b>Citizen Science other than SAP related actions</b>          'Plant a Native Shrub or Tree for Wildlife!' will be promoted during the winter months and 'Why Meadows Matter' from April -September 2022</p> <p><b>River Cray</b>          In December 2021, funding for an "Uplifting the Upper Cray" project was confirmed by the Environment Agency (EA). The project was initiated by the Cray Forum community group with Riverfly Monitoring Initiative (RMI) groups on the upper Cray, the EA and the South East Rivers Trust who will manage the three-year project along 1.4 km of river downstream from Riverside Gardens, Cray Avenue. River improvements will focus on monitoring storm water outfalls, potential silt and pollution trapping through improvements to adjacent wetlands, in-stream modifications and marginal vegetation improvements along with assessment of potential weir modifications to facilitate native fish reintroductions. In parallel, community engagement and benefits are seen as a key part of the</p>		

<p>project – already through the work of the Cray Forum, working with local schools and community groups, awareness and importance of the Cray is being heightened and this project is seen as key to extending this further.</p>		
<p><b><u>Bromley Biodiversity Partnership (BBP) – (Jamie Fletcher)</u></b></p> <p>Not represented at the meeting.</p>		
<p><b><u>Orpington and District Archaeological Society (ODAS) – (Janet Clayton)</u></b></p> <p>JC updated that ODAS are delighted to see the Scadbury priority conservation project move forward.</p> <p>When vegetation was removed it was clear some of the brickwork was unsupported but the damage has now been repaired. The outcome is very positive, with a lot of hard work having gone into the project by all parties which is much appreciated.</p> <p>The ODAS Site Director has been on site since October (almost every day) to carry out the archaeological watching brief. The fencing work eventually got completed too.</p> <p>JC is mindful of the length of time it's taken to drive this forward. Concerns about the workload for all parties should any bigger projects go ahead, for example, a whole-Site Management Plan for Scadbury Park as envisaged for all parks under the OSS, the specific 10-year plan required by Historic England for the scheduled part of the manor site, and the proposal in the Regeneration Strategy.</p> <p>These simultaneous proposals mean there will be a lot of work for ODAS as well as for LBB and idverde and a lot to bring together. Given that it has taken 7 years to get the priority conservation done, there will have to be careful planning to take a larger project forward.</p> <p>The article on the conservation work in Environment Matters should mean everyone in Bromley knows that the work has taken place. We have seen a lot of footfall around Scadbury Park during the pandemic and visitors have been interested to see the work under way. We hope to organise another Open Weekend at the manor site this autumn. Thank you to everyone that has been involved.</p> <p>PMc reiterated the importance of having a specific Parks focussed structure on the client side to support idverde.</p>		
<p><b><u>Friends Forum - (Larry Herbert)</u></b></p> <p>Met with Members in November. AGM came up and the Members are keen that we have a face-to-face AGM. Now looking at June as a potential meeting after the elections.</p> <p>LH was very pleased to see the re-jigging of the department structure and was looking forward to working with SF, following a meeting on site, but hopes for a good replacement for SF and looks forward to working with them.</p> <p>HSBC have now started charging £5/month for accounts and a move to MetroBank is looking likely.</p> <p>First Aid courses have been held at venues in Keston, Penge and Chislehurst and its hoped to run further courses more centrally in the Spring. The Friends Forum</p>		

<p>has been very pleased with the free training courses provided by idverde in 2021 and looks forward to its course agenda for 2022. Friends volunteers have been advised of idverde's 2022 programme of fee-paying adult courses and will reimburse their costs up to a maximum of £100 per Friends Group.</p> <p>LH noted that his virgin email account is no longer in use and minutes should be sent to his new email account from now on.</p>		
<p><b><u>Chislehurst and St Paul's Cray Commons – (Peter Woodward)</u></b></p> <p>PW reported all was well and in good shape in Chislehurst with both sites running well.</p> <p>PW made reference to the partnership help from idverde with the Green Flag Awards scheme. This Management Plan is a really useful self-evaluation management tool and has involved many of our team of volunteers in its rewrite. We will have a full inspection during the summer 2022</p> <p>PW reported that over the last year that we were liaising with Ben Town (officer at GiGL) to retrieve records for our area from GiGL. In the process we have identified anomalies with the collection of data GiGL holds. We are reporting our experiences to GiGL and to the Bromley Biodiversity Partnership with the hope more records are collected and more useful reports become available.</p>		
<p><b><u>Leisure Garden and Allotment Federation - (Clive Randell)</u></b></p> <p>Not represented at the meeting.</p>		
<p><b><u>Terms of Reference (ToR)</u></b></p> <p>ToR were circulated (v4) and were updated in October 2021. There have been some edits. Overall aims and objectives have been included.</p> <p>LH asked about the significance of the italics on p2. This is to highlight tracked changes and a final version with italics removed will be circulated.</p> <p>JJ advised that under Recommendations, bullet point 6 should read, 'Enhancing Bromley's parks and greenspaces to improve ecosystem services, including those associated with climate change and pollution.'</p> <p><b>ACTION: SF to circulate ToR with the minutes</b></p> <p>The ToR were agreed (once changes above incorporated).</p>	SF	31.01.22
<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>MB thanked all of the stakeholders for their useful input and feedback which supports idverde's thinking. PMc echoed that this was indeed a great partnership.</p> <p>JJ highlighted a problem for future discussion: Concern re: the installation of artificial surfaces. This appears to be very widely unrecognised in the UK but it is important to avoid the use of artificial surfaces wherever possible. They reduce the availability of water and air to soil organisms and (often) contribute chemical and microplastic pollution to ground water. For example, see <a href="https://sportengland-production-files.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/artificial-surfaces-for-outdoor-sports-2013.pdf">artificial-surfaces-for-outdoor-sports-2013.pdf (sportengland-production-files.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com)</a> to see what installing these surfaces means regarding what they are made of.</p>		

<p>HC raised grass verges and would like to be involved in the officer group that will be discussing the future plans.</p> <p><b>Post Meeting note from CC:</b> <i>There is a problem with the water supply to the Poverest Recreation Grounds being cut off for non-payment of water bills by the Council impacting on the football &amp; bowls clubs. James Hilsden is aware of the issue and is hopefully resolving at least the immediate problem with Zak Ajia, Utilities Manager.</i></p> <p><b>ACTION: JH to enquire with ZA about the non-payment of Poverest Recreation Grounds water bills</b></p> <p>No other business.</p>	<p>JH</p>	<p>04/02/22</p>
<p><b><u>Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>There is no current meeting date set however meetings are held every 6 months so the next meeting should be in July 2022.</p> <p>LH expressed his disappointment that Members were not in attendance this evening. SF suggested that the Councillors might like to nominate a representative to attend if they are unable to for whatever reason. SF and PMc will raise this with them, though PMc highlighted that different Members could be involved post-election.</p> <p><b>ACTION: SF/PMc to raise attendance with Members and suggest deputies if they are unable to attend future meetings</b></p> <p>JH thanked idverde and our volunteers for their efforts and to SF for her work over the past four years.</p> <p>Meeting ended at 21.12.</p>	<p>SF</p>	<p>31.01.22</p>