

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY  
ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

Parks, Green Space and Countryside Stakeholder Panel Agenda

Date and Time: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2023  
19:00 - 21:00.

Location: Online Teams Meeting

1. Welcome and Apologies,
2. Previous minutes (27/07/2022) – agreement,
3. Review of actions in ‘Action Update Document’ (14/10/2022),
4. idverde Update,
5. LBB Update,
6. Feedback from Stakeholders,
7. AOB,
8. Date of future meeting - July 2023

### Attendees

#### London Borough of Bromley (LBB)

- **Hannah Jackson (HJ)** - *Assistant Director, Carbon Management and Greenspace (Chair),*
- **James Hilsden (JH)** - *Parks & Greenspaces Borough Manager,*
- **Hugh Chapman (HC)** – *Arboricultural Services Manager,*
- **Paul Mellor (PM)** – *Principal Planner,*
- **Councillor Aisha Cuthbert (Cllr AC)** - *Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Services,*
- **Councillor Will Rowlands (Cllr WR)** - *Chairman, Environment and Community Services Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee,*

#### idverde

- **Martyn Bradley (MB)** - *Operations Director,*
- **Susan Holland** – *Conservation & Education 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),*
- **Clive Chapman (CC)** - *Bromley Council Bowling Club Association (BCBCA),*
- **Carol Gould (CG)** - *Bromley Biodiversity Partnership (BBP),*

#### Apologies

- **Helen Stickling (HS)** – *Arboricultural Support Officer,*

#### Other Non-Attendance

- **Clive Randell (CR)** - *Chairman of the Leisure Garden and Allotment Federation.*

Agenda Items	Owner	Target Date
<p><b>Welcome and Apologies</b></p> <p>HS does not have a recording of this section of the meeting to write minutes.</p>		
<p><b>Previous minutes (27/07/2022)</b></p> <p>HS does not have a recording of this section of the meeting to write minutes.</p>		
<p><b>Action Log Review</b> Attendees reviewed the action update document (dated 14/10/2022) which had been circulated prior to the meeting and contained updates for each action.</p> <p><b>Action 01 – RSPB Partnership – HS does not have a recording of this section of the meeting to write minutes.</b></p> <p><b>Action 02 – Tree Management Strategy – Meeting recording started here:</b> JJ: And the problem can only get worse. So, whilst I know the argument is always put forward that it's because the climate is going to change (it's going to get hotter) and we need to have a variety of trees, we do still need to have plenty of the native tree species because many of the native species of flora and fauna will not be able to adapt to the non-native tree species. So, getting native tree species well established as soon as possible seems imperative at this moment.</p> <p>JJ: Secondly, can the tree team reassure us that the trees planted in LBB are grown in the UK as well. Of UK stock to reduce the threat of importing more diseases.</p> <p>JJ: Thirdly, I did send HC a list of nurseries (on the 1st of September 2022) which supply UK native species of local or at least UK provenance because he said he was having trouble finding them but there are quite a lot on the internet, and I wondered whether he'd managed to buy any native species from any of these suppliers.</p> <p>HC: Thank you. So, obviously we take all that on board and we're fairly well aware of the importance of them and we do implement that within the strategic goal of planting the right tree in the right place. An example is the woodland planting that have recently done at Parkfield recreation ground where out of nearly 800 trees, 100% native species were planted. So, where it's appropriate to do so, we will plant native trees.</p> <p>HC: The problem that we have on the public highways, so the street trees, which is the bulk of the tree planting that we've been doing recently, is that the trees are effectively grown in isolation from one another. They're kind of just like potted plants and it's a very challenging environment to grow trees, where you will not see the success with planting just natives or incredibly high proportions of native trees there. Once you've taken all the factors into account, it really limits even the native selection of trees that are going to be suitable for that specific location to just a handful. So, broadening that scope to include some non-native trees really goes a long way to ensuring continuous canopy cover for the borough in the urban environment. However, we do take firm measures to ensure that natives are planted in the right place where it's appropriate to do so, and that's kind of being born out recently. As the woodland planting side of things progresses that will be focused on native tree planting.</p>		

<p>JJ: Can we have a higher percentage of natives in the street trees? You say there's only a handful you can plant, but maybe interspersing your non-natives with the natives (as the handful) would then at least help with the future nature recovery networks and things. And because we need to be thinking about linking the green spaces, it's great that the green spaces having native trees and they should be 100% native. But we do need a few more natives to link one place to another.</p> <p>HC: Absolutely agree and we do plant quite a lot of native trees for example birch and hawthorn are fairly common amongst the selection. So, in terms of them being interspersed within the street tree population, that's absolutely already happening.</p> <p>JJ: What kind of percentage are you using in the street trees?</p> <p>HC: I'm going to have to have a look at the numbers. I don't know off the top of my head, but I'll have a look and I'll send you an e-mail after the meeting, if that's OK?</p> <p>JJ: Yes, thank you.</p> <p><b>Action 03 – Nature Friendly Verges</b> – HJ: The third action is around nature friendly verges. I think hopefully members of the panel are aware that we took a report following a member working group which was chaired by Councillor Rowlands to the November Committee of the Environment and Community Services PDS and a pilot for 11 sites has been approved. I'll talk a little bit more about that in our update so I'm proposing to close that action.</p> <p><b>Action 04 – Friends Forum Funding</b> – HJ: James, do you want to give an update on the Friends Forum funding issue?</p> <p>JH: Yes, I think we gave an update on this in on the Friends Forum itself as well. So, we've looked at the additional funding right back from when Councillor Huntington-Thresher had given his approval for that. So, we've got everything underway and granted them their request. Hopefully you're going to tell me that that's gone through soon, Larry, but if not, I have been chasing it today and I'll wait to hear from our finance department.</p> <p>LH: I'm just checking my app to tell me whether that money has come through. Not as yet.</p> <p>JH: You have your own Friends Forum app, that sounds very organised. Not as yet, OK.</p> <p>HJ: I will leave that action open and hope, James, that we can get that closed before the next meeting.</p> <p>JH: Yes. Thanks for your patience on that, Larry.</p> <p>LH: It's fine, it's alright.</p> <p><b>Action 06 – Tree Planting Locations</b> – HJ: Next, we have Hugh. You were due to send tree planting locations to Judith for the last planting season and I think there's a proposal to close that action.</p> <p>HC: Yes, we have moved on from that point now so.</p>		
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<p>JJ: Yes, I think I was really asking for the map of The World's End Lane site in particular, because there is an issue with that as to whether bits of it are short grassland.</p> <p>HC: Oh, this is for the woodland project. Yes, certainly. We've got a meeting this weekend with the Woodlands Establishment board having a bit of a reshuffle in the team that are working through that project. So, after that meeting, we'll be in a better place to start distributing information associated to it.</p> <p>JJ: It's that particular one, I'd be very grateful to have a map for. Thank you.</p> <p>HC: Yeah, no problem. Thank you.</p> <p><b>NEW ACTION:</b> HC to send JJ a map of Worlds End Lane once it is available.</p> <p><b>Action 08 – Council Restructure</b> – HJ: The next action was to circulate an updated structure chart following the realignment, which was attached with the minutes of this meeting so I will close that action.</p> <p><b>Action 10 – Bowls Water Bills</b> - HJ: The next action on the action log is about some issues that we had with utility bills being paid at certain premises, but I believe those are now all resolved, so I'll move to close that action.</p> <p>JH: Yes, I think that was Poverest recreation ground. That was all cleared up last year so that can be closed.</p> <p>CC: Agreed.</p> <p><b>ACTION 11</b> - HJ: I've got an action for attendees to communicate with the Bromley Biodiversity Partnership (BBP) about any small woods that may need to be added to the ancient woodland inventory. I know that our arboricultural team provided some feedback, so I also move to close that action.</p> <p>JJ: Fine.</p> <p><b>ACTION 12</b> – HJ: Lastly, I've got an action around some information that we were going to share with Larry about the platinum jubilee fund which I believe David has shared, Larry?</p> <p>LH: Not as yet, he hasn't, but obviously you confirmed last week that you were going to do that. What you offered last week was about the actual funding figures for the various wards, so know which wards still need potential projects, but I've not seen that as yet, I'm afraid.</p> <p>HJ: OK, I did speak with David about that this morning, so I'll follow up with him again tomorrow morning and if necessary, I'll send it directly myself.</p> <p>LH: OK, that's great. Thank you very much.</p>	<p>HC</p>	<p>16/05/23</p>
<p><b>idverde Update</b></p> <p>MB: We have some really exciting developments going on in partnership with Bromley Council. If I could ask Amy to give your update followed by Sue. Thank you.</p>		

<p>AR: Thanks, Martin. Evening everyone and nice to see you all. I thought I would update you on some of the projects that we're working on currently. I'm going share a couple of slides.</p> <p><b>Bandstand</b> – AR: As most of you know, we've been working on the bandstand project at Croydon Road Recreation Ground for a while and I'm pleased to say, as we've reported previously, that we have secured a large chunk of funding collectively working with the Community and other funders towards that project. The restoration works have now secured planning consent and listed building consent, which is fantastic. We've been working with a conservation architect called Purcell to develop the plans. We're proposing to restore the bandstand back to its former colours and to add elements like gold leaf back to the corona at the top of the bandstand. I'm pleased to say we've also put the works out to tender, and we've been evaluating those tender returns and there'll be more news on that in due course. It's really good news and if all goes well, it could see the works being carried out and completed by this summer. So that's a fantastic good-news story. There are still opportunities to buy a brick around the bandstand. If anyone is interested in that, they're £100 each. You can put your own inscribed message in there and you can do that via Bromley Council's website.</p> <p><b>Cudham Recreation Ground</b> - AR: We have a play project at Cudham Recreation Ground and we're working with the Friends Group there to draw up some plans to carry out some consultation, to see what local people would like to do at that site. We feel with the group that potentially there's an opportunity for some increased play there for teenagers, but time will tell through the consultation what the Community wants. That's a really exciting project.</p> <p><b>Amber</b> - AR: We're also working with a charity called Amber [AR shared a picture of Chislehurst Cemetery]. Amber supports families and individuals through baby loss. We're hoping to develop a memorial garden where people can go and remember their lost babies, and particularly for those people that lost them fairly early through miscarriages. That's a really exciting project and we're in the process of applying for grants in conjunction with the charity.</p> <p><b>Queensmead recreation ground</b> - AR: We're working with councillors, the Friends Group, the Friends of Bromley town parks and also two residents' associations in the area. We've been out for consultation, I've had the results back and we're looking to reupdate the playground but also to work with parents, carers, grandparents to identify measures that we can adopt and activities that we can introduce to help combat loneliness. We know that there are lots of new parents in that area. Some of the feedback we've received is that there isn't enough activities and opportunities for parents to meet. So, what we are wanting to do is to improve the playground, but at the same time provide some events and activities where parents can get to know each other and share experiences. We're working with the Council's loneliness champion to do that and we're hoping to have a workshop soon to explore that a little bit more with some of those individuals.</p> <p><b>Coney Hall MUGA</b> – AR: We're hoping to introduce a multiuse games area (MUGA), not in this location that you can see here [on the slide] by the nursery, but in this location on the site we're also hoping to turn two of the disused tennis courts into an area for table tennis. So, we're going to put some concrete table tennis tables in, but also a learn to ride area where young people can learn to ride their bikes. We've been out to consultation, and we had a fantastic response back from that, 400 people responded. So, we're busy analysing the results before we go out to tender.</p>		
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<p>AR: That's it for me. We've obviously got lots of other smaller projects on the go, but just wanted to give you a few highlights. I also wanted to say goodbye to you all, because I'm due to be leaving idverde next week, so I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you. It's been a real pleasure working with you all and I will miss you all. Carry on the good work and I look forward to hearing about what you're getting up to. It's been lovely working with you all and it's been a long time, so thanks for everything. Thank you.</p> <p><b>Countryside</b> - SH: The countryside team now have a full team. The last person to join the team was the RSPB Freya Prince, who is now working very hard to join up the partnership and continue the good work of Steven Lofting. At the moment she's doing a really good job as are our two other ranges are conservation ranges, Matthew and Ross. So, they're bedding in really well. They are already running their own workdays which is really good. It's a really quick response from them. So that's been really good and with that partnership with the Friends groups and the volunteers, Bromley countryside volunteers especially, we've managed to complete 9368 hours of volunteer time. Now that's supervised work time and so that's what we supervised so we can record it a lot easier. The work that they do is woodland works as a scalloping, felling, coppicing and they also do infrastructure installation. They work on a lot of repair side of things, species surveys, pond maintenance and scrub maintenance and grass maintenance. So, there's a huge variety of jobs there that that the guys do with the help. We do know we can record those hours, however, we know that there's also lots more hours that the Friends groups do, and our volunteers do, that are self-led so we can't capture those hours at the moment. So, our community teams are working with the Friends now and hopefully we'll figure out a way of recording those hours because it's all important, it's funding work, it's doing their own self led workdays, it's litter picking and working with the communities with all sorts of projects going on in the parks, which is really valuable work and we really want to capture that side of things as well. So that's something we're going to be working with the community team to work on and hopefully gain that data, which is really important.</p> <p>With the allotments we're going to continue our biodiversity champions. We've got 13 still at the moment and we want to obviously increase that. We have. 52 allotments so we really need to get some more on board that. We are going to continue with our species surveys. Last year was reptiles and amphibians and this year we're continue with that as well as our hedgehogs. We will also start doing another species which could be a plant species, bees, birds or bats. We haven't quite decided yet, but we are keen to get on with that.</p> <p><b>Education</b> – SH: We've completed last year our five Friends Forum courses and received great feedback from that. We did the amphibian and reptiles being partnership with the frog life and we've done the leading workdays which is very important for us to get the message across that your self-led groups need to be working safely and these are very important health and safety issues here that we need to make sure that they are working safely. We did tool maintenance, which was popular. We did invasive species, and in the winter, we did the winter twig identification (ID) which is always an interesting one. We're going to be looking into liaising with the Friends Forum to pick out another five courses that we can do, as well as doing courses throughout the year. Everyone's entitled to join us with that.</p> <p><b>LBB Business Support Team</b> - We have been joining up with the LBB team and we've got Lucy West's Business Support Team coming down and doing some workdays with us to learn about how we are doing our work and to see what our work involves so that they have a good idea for when they get asked</p>		
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<p>questions from the public and from yourselves that they have a little bit of knowledge to be able to answer these questions without having to contact us. So that partnership's going to be really good and I'm really looking forward to working well with that team.</p> <p>SH: We are also working on our schools. We are dealing with school groups that come to High Elms, but we have difficulties in them coming to High Elms because of the costs that is put on some schools. So, we are thinking of a project where schools come to our local parks, and we can deliver that environmental education in our parks. So, we're really looking forward to doing that. We would probably try to get that up and running for this summer. So, we're looking at after Easter to start to come in place all depends on if we get the schools taking us up on our offers on our courses and sessions that we will be providing. We will still do the High Elms ones, but it's just going to spread the environmental education around the borough rather than having it in one place.</p> <p>SH: We've increased on the number of educational visits that we did last year, which is really good. We still need to do more attendance of those schools because we are at the moment delivering a lot of special education needs to schools. And as such we have a smaller population of children. Therefore, the attendance isn't as much as it would normally be with the class of 30 children. The schools are going well, it's very good for them to come out of their environment and go to High Elms to be out in the woods and doing lots of natural and environmental things. We've been seeing really good involvement with them so we're really quite pleased with that.</p> <p>SH: We have got the biodiversity partnership that we work closely with. We had their meeting last week and we are very keen on keeping that because with that partnership helps us make sure that we have the expertise to actually ensure that we are continuing the biodiversity targets that we need to follow for Natural England. As well as the site management plans for our sites. So that partnership is really important.</p> <p>MB: That's absolutely fantastic and it's fantastic to see all of the work that we're doing in partnership. Bromley Council and hopefully everyone on the call can agree what an absolute array of projects which are going on is fantastic to see the partnership being developed in such a proactive way. Thanks, Hannah. That concludes the idverde update. Thank you.</p> <p>HJ: Martin, thank you. I was going to take questions for idverde colleagues. Larry, I can see you've got your hand raised. Would you like to go first?</p> <p>LH: Thank you Hannah. I'd like to ask Sue a question about data collection for self-led tasks. At the moment, we have a quarterly form that is sent to all the Friends groups to fill that information in. Is she suggesting this is now going to become some sort of automatic process or what exactly was she saying there?</p> <p>SH: No, it's just that we do realise that with the funding data that we send out (to the Friends and the allotments associations) that not all the self-led workdays are captured in that. Therefore, when we're trying to develop a form which is easy to complete. It's literally the numbers of people that are doing the work and the activities that they're doing really. So, it's a simple form that the Community team are working on and obviously it's all got to be agreed through the Friends Forum to make sure that they're OK with what we were actually asking. It's all to help with the numbers.</p>	
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<p>LH: So rather than collecting quarterly, you're suggesting that Friends groups will complete this form as and when they have a workday or so?</p> <p>SH: I'm not sure that the actual workdays are collected in that data. It's mostly fundraising.</p> <p>LH: No, it's all the effort, which is divided into 3 sections, the workdays, the events that people have and then anything other which is outside of that. So, there are three figures that we provide you every quarter.</p> <p>SH: Right. OK. Sorry about that. I wasn't aware.</p> <p>LH: Those figures in my case include led tasks as well as self-led tasks. So, I'm giving you a total figure for those three months of what effort that Friends group has spent and what money has been raised.</p> <p>SH: Oh well, that's all right then. We can go by those figures, but I'm pretty sure there's a couple there that aren't actually recorded.</p> <p>LH: The problem that I raised at the last meeting was that we were only getting something like 30 to 50% returns. A lot of the Friends groups don't complete those forms which is a sad situation.</p> <p>SH: I think that's the one that we're probably trying to target because obviously if they are doing physical stuff and activities, we want to make sure that they're doing them safely as well. I think that's something we've identified in the Community team that some groups aren't giving us that information. So maybe those are the ones that I'm referring to try to capture that as well.</p> <p>LH: OK. Well, I mean that would certainly need to do that and obviously your community managers need to keep on top of that, but it is being collected for those that do it. If we continue that route, that's fine.</p> <p>HJ: Thank you, Larry, and thank you, Sue. Janet, you've got your hand raised.</p> <p>JC: I'm not sure whether this is really a question for Sue, but I just wondered if I could raise it. We have in the past number of years received a grant originally from the Council and then via idverde. However, this year, although our application has gone in, we've not had any response and I just wondered if this was a policy change or whether it's just held up in the system somewhere, or whether there's any light anybody could throw on it? We have raised this, and we've been through various processes to try and unblock it, but we don't seem to have been successful.</p> <p>AH: Janet, can you send that to me, and I'll see where that is? I think that's a system blockage rather than a policy change.</p> <p><b>NEW ACTION:</b> JC to email AH the details regarding the ODAS grant application that has been held-up for an unknown reason. MB/AH to resolve the delay.</p> <p>JC: Yes, OK. I will send it to you.</p> <p>AH: Yes, Andrew.Hodgson, it's my full name for the e-mail.</p>	<p>JC/AH/MB</p>	<p>16/05/23</p>
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<p>MB: Thanks Andy, if you could send that over to me, I'll get straight onto that tomorrow. Thank you.</p> <p>HJ: OK, great. If there are no further questions specifically for idverde, we'll move on to the Council's update.</p>		
<p><b>LBB update</b></p> <p>HJ: I do have some slides that I will try and move swiftly through because of time. A couple of things I wanted to mention as part of the Council's update and just reflect a little bit on what's been achieved over the last couple of months and what we're moving on to do next year. So, I'm just going to briefly talk about the Open Space Strategy (OSS), about the jubilee parks fund, about some infrastructure improvements and our nature friendly verges trial. Then I will very briefly mention Treemendous and the Woodlands Establishment project.</p> <p><b>Open Space Strategy</b> - HJ: So, you'll know that this was formally adopted in November 2021, and I can see from the minutes of the previous meeting that hopefully everybody has now had a copy and been able to have a look through it. We reported on progress against our first year in the Environment and Community Services PDS in November and I'm really happy to include a link to that report in the minutes of this meeting.</p> <p><b>NEW ACTION:</b> HS/HJ to include a link to the Open Space Strategy annual review PDS report either in the minutes or as an email circulation.</p> <p>HJ: In that report, we set out some of our key achievements, some of which idverde colleagues have kindly already spoken about, and some of which I've included on the presentation on a slide. We've been really pleased to, for example, complete the first stage of restoration of the moated manner at Scadbury, which I know ODAS were really closely involved with. So, thank you for all of the contributions that you've made there.</p> <p><b>Bowie bandstand</b> - HJ: Amy talked a bit about the Bowie bandstand, and we're pleased to have made some really significant progress. We're now in the process of evaluating tenders. So that work is subject to the contract award process going smoothly and to plan due to start later this year.</p> <p><b>BMX track at Hobblingwell</b> – HJ: this was installed earlier this year and we had a great opening event in the summer with the mayor coming down to site and we've been really pleased with the continued work of our sports activator down at that site to help us reduce antisocial behaviour there and encourage good use of the track.</p> <p>HJ: Moving forward, we are concentrating on three key areas of work on the open space strategy next year and this is also set out in the report. The first thing is about understanding our parks and open spaces portfolio and we're undertaking an audit. There are quite a number of components to that audit that will keep us very busy this year, but this should be the basis of determining how we then take forward a lot of the improvements that are outlined in the Open Space Strategy itself.</p> <p>HJ: We also want to review our governance arrangements and make sure that we've got really healthy relationships with all the various stakeholders and that our parks and open spaces are feeling the benefit of all the expertise and time that our volunteer network have to offer to us.</p>	<p>HS/HJ</p>	<p>16/05/23</p>

<p>HJ: Thirdly, and perhaps most importantly, we're looking at financial sustainability and modernization. With idverde fundraising colleagues, we're really looking at how we attract investment into our parks and open spaces so that we can deliver a lot of the ambitions that are set out in that policy.</p> <p><b>Jubilee Parks Fund</b> - HJ: The first round of applications closed in the last quarter of last year and we had a really great response with 29 applications coming in and actually for quite a wide range of proposals, which was really pleasing. So, whilst we have had a lot of proposals for playground improvements, which will be great for families in the borough, we've also got some proposals around restoration or improvement of water bodies and things like creating new orchards and sensory gardens that will have good benefits for biodiversity in the borough. It's taking a bit of time to assess these applications because they're really detailed (for really good reason). We're really pleased that earlier this week we had approval to proceed with the first seven of these applications. Then there are a further six that will be recommended for approval this week. So, communications are coming your way on those first few approved projects.</p> <p>HJ: Now we're really keen to encourage applications from the wards where that first round didn't have any applications. So Biggin Hill, Bromley Town, Chelsfield, Clock House, Farnborough, Crofton and Mottingham. We're really interested in the ideas that the community have for improving their green spaces.</p> <p><b>Infrastructure improvements</b> – HJ: Last year on our operational maintenance budgets there was £250,000 ringed fence for infrastructure improvements in parks and open spaces for this last financial year. That's allowed us to undertake much needed repairs and maintenance to some of the infrastructure in our parks. Hopefully you've seen the benefit of some of those investments.</p> <p>HC: With our leisure team (there was also a report that went to our November PDS) we've secured 230 days' worth of funding from the Lawn Tennis Association to renovate some of the tennis courts in the borough and to improve safety and security with some small-scale interventions at a further four sites. Building on that success we are now working with Advantage Sports to scope some opportunities to secure grant funding from the London Cricket Trust for some non-turf cricket pitches in some of our parks. My thanks to idverde colleagues for your help in scoping potential out there.</p> <p><b>Nature friendly verges</b> – HJ: I mentioned this earlier as part of our action log. My thanks to Councillor Rowlands, who chaired the member working group. We are really pleased that we're able to start a 2-year trial across 11 sites in the borough [listed on the presentation slide]. We're launching this new management regime in March with awareness communications starting in February. So, we'll be particularly thinking about how we work with young people. I think 3 of these sites are very close to schools, so we're working with Sue and her team to think about how we can make the best educational opportunity out of those sites and launching an online survey which will help us to take feedback, because that's the whole purpose of the trial, to find out how residents or what residents think about nature friendly verges and whether or not this is a management regime they'd like to see rolled out across the borough.</p> <p><b>Treemendous Project</b> - HJ: We've been really pleased with the success of our first year of the Treemendous project. We planted 1472 new trees in year</p>		
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<p>one and you'll see from the slide that we've had really good health overall, despite some of the challenges, for example, the hot weather that we faced in the summer months. We're now taking delivery of trees for year 2 and planting is underway.</p> <p><b>Woodland Establishment</b> – HJ: You may have noticed from the September PDS that we've also secured funding from the Forestry Commission to look at establishing new woodlands on three sites. The sites are Edgebury Grazing Land, Kennal Road in Chislehurst and Worlds End Lane field (Chelsfield) which I know Doctor John has a particularly interested in. They are now moving on to the second stage of the process of securing funding for delivery, which is about designing those spaces, making a woodland creation design plan. That will include consulting with stakeholders and David Braybrook, my colleague, is currently liaising with the Forestry Commission to agree a project plan to take that forward.</p> <p>HJ: I hope that's been helpful. I'm now just going to hand over briefly to James and then Hugh will give you a quick update on some of their activities.</p> <p><b><u>Parks Management and Grounds Maintenance (Lot 4) Update</u></b></p> <p>JH: Good evening, everyone again and there's some brilliant projects we've got there, some exciting stuff coming our way. So that's great. I'll leave my camera off just to improve connection.</p> <p>JH: We've been improving on our parks contract monitoring objectives with our officers. As you might be aware, we've got two parks contract monitoring officers, which is Debbie Howard for the west of the borough and Nicola Musto for the east of the borough. We're almost a year into that progress. They've been really good with their inspections which includes health and safety from a Council perspective and also idverde. We've had positive results from those, which is brilliant.</p> <p>JH: We currently reviewing our inspection process. We're implementing more efficient reporting procedures. We're introducing planned programme of works to help ourselves work more closely with idverde and vice versa. So far, although that's still in its infancy, again we're seeing some positive results there as well. I wanted to give my specific thanks to John Cutting as well and also Sandy Goddard. Clive Chapman as well, I just got your e-mail from last week. So again, thank you so much for everything you've done for us, across the bowls across Bromley, that's been really helpful.</p> <p>JH: We've got some other positive exercises. We're reviewing and refreshing our data asset data, bringing all our assets and record features up-to-date. Making sure everything is fully logged and that everything is where it should be in line with our infrastructure. So, for 2023, Andy Simpson and the infrastructure team have just started their annual inventory of the assets that we have got in our parks. That will help us to direct money that will be spent specifically in our parks and green spaces for infrastructure in this coming year.</p> <p>JH: Just briefly on our pavilions and our leases; we're currently reviewing our portfolio to be more in line with the operational property objectives. That will result in better assets for the local communities and more activities and sports for them. Hannah has already covered the exciting projects we've got coming up with the Lawn Tennis Association and hopefully with the smashing cricket as well. So, we're working hard on that, and we've also implemented specifically for this year's more of a closer working relationship with our Ward</p>		
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<p>Security colleagues and our dog patrols, ensuring the safety of our local community in reducing antisocial behaviour.</p> <p>JH: Just very quickly on signage. I know it's been commented on with infrastructure. Friend's groups were really grateful for the help that they're giving us with this. We're currently completing our signage audit so that we can bring some new assets into the borough and ensure that everything is properly signed.</p> <p>JH: Crystal Palace Park handover, we're still planning to hand that over to the trust this year so we're having weekly meetings on that. Everything is going according to plan.</p> <p>JH: Last but not least, just a reminder that we do have the King's coronation on the 6th of May. So, we'll be looking at some prominent sites across the borough and we have our regeneration team who will be leading on some special effects that we're going to have in Queens Gardens. So, we have that to look forward to. Thanks very much.</p> <p><b><u>Arboricultural Services (Lot 5) Update</u></b></p> <p>HC: My update is going to be somewhat brief, I'm afraid. Hannah, you did steal all my good statistics however it did give me the opportunity to quickly have a look at the numbers so that I can answer the earlier question right now. So, from this year's tree planting program out of the approximately 1570 trees, 602 of those are native species, which constitutes to 38% of the entire program. Which is a fairly respectable number given the constraints involved. Those native species are birch, rowan, three different kinds of lime, hawthorn, oak and some scots pine. So, a reasonable mixture there, which will be in various locations around the borough.</p> <p><b>Tree Surveying</b> – HC: Other than tree planting, the main work undertaken by my team is tree surveying. This year's been a busy year for us. Within the past financial year, to date we've surveyed 23,000 trees. Anticipate another 8000 or so before April this year. The current focus wards for 2023 are Beckenham Town and Copers Cope, Bromley Town, Hayes and Coney Hall, St Pauls, Cray and St. Mary's Cray and Orpington. That's just to bring in line some of the older dated inspection inspections on the trees there. And so that'll be getting undertaken this year and then any resulting remedial works will be actioned through our contractor Glendale.</p> <p>HC: Alongside the Cyclical tree surveying, we have ongoing monitoring and management of ash dieback around the borough which is principally undertaken during the spring and summer months where we can fully see the condition of the trees. That's going to be ongoing for a long time yet.</p> <p>HC: That's about it from us at the moment. Obviously, there's areas of focus around woodland planting but that was covered by Hannah and that project will be progressing a lot, I anticipate in the early part of this year, so more updates to follow on that. Happy to take any questions.</p> <p>HJ: Thanks, Hugh. Any questions for myself, James or Hugh?</p> <p>PW: Could I ask Hugh a question about surveying. Are you surveying principally for the safety of the trees, public safety?</p> <p>HC: That's correct. Yes, so our focus is on public safety, we obviously pick up on issues of tree health as well, but the core of it is public safety, yes.</p>		
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<p>PW: Are you doing that in-house or have you contracted for somebody to do that on your behalf?</p> <p>HC: We do that element of it in-house, so there's me and a team of five Tree Officers who are the ones out there doing the surveying and then there is one Arboricultural Support Officer [HS].</p> <p>PW: Thank you Hugh.</p> <p>HJ: Larry, I think you raised your hand next.</p> <p>LH: Yes, just a question for you, Hannah. You mentioned 11 roads for a trial of nature friendly verges. Is this against the whole length of that road or just parts of that road?</p> <p>HJ: So, I will be able to share some more specific information. My idverde colleagues have been working really hard and Steven today was pulling together some site-specific maps so that we can share those via ward councillors but also to any interested stakeholders. I think it's not quite as simple as every verge on the roads that have been identified but mostly. I'm really happy to share that information once it becomes available.</p> <p>LH: Thank you.</p> <p><b>NEW ACTION:</b> HJ to share the Nature Friendly Verge maps with LH once available.</p> <p>CG: I just had a question about trees that disappear overnight or have been very heavily pruned and a few months later have to disappear because they don't come back again. I just wondered if there's any way of knowing which trees are identified for those sorts of removals or heavy pruning.</p> <p>HC: In terms of tree removals, we have a policy of putting fell notices essentially on the trees. So, we'll tack a laminated piece of A4 paper with a notification on it saying that we're going to fell the tree, either for public safety or due to the damage that the tree is causing. That will give people the opportunity to contact us and ask for a bit more detail on it. In terms of the severe pruning the trees, that's not something that we give notification on just because of the volume of trees that we're dealing with mostly, and we just don't have the capacity to administer that.</p> <p>CG: How long before the trees are felled does the notice go on? It's just because a couple of trees disappeared very recently, and we walk past them on a weekly basis, so.</p> <p>HC: The policy is at least 10 days before the tree is felled. What can happen, though is, if there are delays between the works being ordered and the works being undertaken, that a notice may well be affixed by the tree officer when they make that decision. But over the course of time that notice may come down (whether that's due to weather or someone pulling it off the tree) and then sometime later the tree can be felled, which can lead to some complications. But we do have a policy and I'm confident that it's been adhered to, that those signs are affixed to the trees.</p> <p>JJ: It's a question for Hannah. It's concerning the non-turf cricket pitches. What size of area are you considering having non-turf? There are a lot of worries about soil biodiversity and loss of soil biodiversity if you have large areas of</p>	<p>HJ</p>	<p>16/05/23</p>
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<p>grassland removed. Then you have foundations that are not suitable for birds to get food from or insects to use and all the rest of it.</p> <p>JH: I think I can probably come in on that one. The pictures that we're looking at the moment are just the normal size of cricket pitches. In the larger scale of things, we're talking about tiny amount on site. We're not looking for any new areas. We're not looking for any rough grass or naturalised grass areas at all. They'll probably be in or around of where our rugby pitches and football pitches are. So obviously with the different seasons at different times of year. Hopefully football would have ended by then and we'll still be using the same public open space as we would do for football as we will do for cricket.</p> <p>JJ: So, the areas that are going to be AstroTurf then are quite small, is that correct?</p> <p>JH: Yes, I'd love to be able to give you the exact measurements, but I don't have it.</p> <p>AH: It's about 22 yards. So about 20 metres long, 3 metres wide, is a cricket pitch.</p> <p>HJ: OK. Thank you for your questions. If we're happy to move on, we'll take our stakeholder updates.</p>		
<p><b><u>Chislehurst and St Paul's Cray Commons – (Peter Woodward)</u></b></p> <p>HJ: I'll invite Peter to give his first. As I know he's got to leave in about half an hour. So, Peter, over to you.</p> <p>PW: Thank you very much. I haven't got that much to say, but I just wanted to have a slot. I'd like to just begin in the summer, Hugh came round with the Countryside group and we toured the Commons. We compared notes on the responsibility that the Commons trustees have for doing the tree inspections and ensuring that the tree stock, especially that by the roads, is safe. That was the reason for my question really. Poor old Hugh, he's got a lot more to do than we have, although we consider our 2000 is plenty.</p> <p>PW: In a way, the point I'm really making is that, this meeting tonight has demonstrated how well we work in partnership. That's just one example, but almost everyone who's spoken we have met up in different guises.</p> <p>PW: I'd like to pick up from the last meeting where we talked about the Green Flag awards, and I wanted just to continue a little bit with that because the outcome of that is that it's almost become our self-evaluation because we have to resubmit again within the two years. So, we're already preparing for January 2024, and it's now built into our management plan. So, we've made something which initially we went forward, with the help of the Council and idverde we went forward to get a quality award, but in fact it's become built into the way that we work.</p> <p>PW: Another aspect of that is that as a result of going up to the ceremony, one of the other Friends groups has approached us to ask to visit Chislehurst Commons and we're talking about reciprocal arrangement. That's likely to take place and we're working with idverde because we know that they are also interested in how we build the Green Flag award and the documentation.</p> <p>PW: We attended four of the five courses that idverde organized during the autumn and we found them very useful, and we certainly are looking forward</p>		

<p>to seeing more advertised in the coming year. We need to build it in because our real value comes from our volunteers. The sooner we get the information about what's going to be offered in the coming 12 months, the sooner we can get it out to the groups and encourage people to actually participate. If they participate, they're more likely to get more involved and we desperately need every volunteer that we can get hold of.</p> <p>PW: My third point is, for information I need to report that at the end of last year and at the beginning of this year, there were three geese that died on Prickend Pond and it's possibly due to avian bird flu. We immediately contacted the Council through idverde. They responded with advice to us. We went on to the website. We contacted Defra. We nominated somebody as a point of contact, one of the trustees. We tried to shut down the social media as much as possible in Chislehurst as we didn't want people getting all excited about it and we seem to have managed to do that. We put notices up around the pond because it is a pond that's very well visited by the community. So far going forward we've had no more evidence since the 3rd of January. We have no real evidence that it's avian bird flu although the symptoms did follow what was on the website. Lee Sandley from the Council got in touch with us to offer us support and advice.</p> <p>PW: I'm really saying that this is fantastic, that Bromley Council have managed to achieve something where people all pull together, and my report is really partly to say thank you very much because it's through this communication that we move forward year by year. So, thank you idverde and thank you Bromley Council. If any of the slides (for instance Hannah's slides) could be made available before the minutes come out, they're quite useful because it's quite important to feed it back into the rest of our groups so that they know what's going on because it's really quite an exciting message that is coming across. That is all I've got to say. Thank you.</p> <p>HJ: Thank you, Peter, and thank you for all the positive feedback. I agree, partnership really is the key to making our green spaces great. So that's really great to hear that you feel that that's going positively and yes, I'm happy to share my slides. I'll make sure they are circulated to the group.</p> <p>HJ: Are there any questions for Peter before we move on? If not, then Clive, I think you're next on my list. Is there an update that you'd like to give or any comments you'd like to make?</p>		
<p><b><u>Bromley Council Bowling Club Association (BCBCA) - (Clive Chapman)</u></b></p> <p>CC: I would just like to say I've appreciated being part of the stakeholder panel for the last four years, so it's been good fun and getting involved and hearing about all the other things that have been taking place, which largely passes the bowls clubs by, I suspect, but it is interesting to see everything that's happening.</p> <p>CC: The bowls clubs are in closed season now, so there is not a lot that is happening on our side. I would like to thank particularly James and Hugh, but James in particular because we've had a few difficult situations over the last few years, and he's certainly helped me get them resolved. Hopefully, in the future Mike Ruffhead will take over and he'll be involved. Same as I have been up until now. So, thank you very much.</p> <p>HJ: Thank you Clive for your update and thank you for the time that you've given to this stakeholder panel over the years as well. We look forward to meeting Mark.</p>		



<p>JH: Thanks, Clive. It has been a pleasure working with you.</p>		
<p><b><u>Friends Forum - (Larry Herbert)</u></b></p> <p>LH: Since the last stakeholder meeting, which was in July, the Friends Forum has had two partnership meetings. That's with yourself and idverde, and also in November we had our AGM. The Friends groups now which have now increased to 56 or at least that's the number I have on my list. We have 56 active groups. At our AGM we had proximately about 25 or so Friends groups represented so, that's about half the number of actual Friends groups. We are trying to improve our communication and encourage some of the slightly less active Friends groups to come along to these meetings and to participate. We hope that over the coming year that we can improve matters there and get that percentage up.</p> <p>LH: At the AGM, we had a couple of people retiring from my committee and a couple of new people joining my committee. So, we've now got a couple of new faces. Due to the Christmas period and quiet time, we haven't really got together yet to iron out what we're going to do for the coming year. As soon as mentioned, we're looking at having 5 courses as usual, one of which will definitely be the leading work group session. For the other four, we're still looking at that.</p> <p>LH: We have one or two outstanding actions on our partnership meetings. One of which is the definition of what constitutes basic tools for Friends groups. I hope that we can agree a date for an upcoming meeting on that to discuss that and finalise exactly where we stand with that.</p> <p>LH: Another one is obviously looking at water fountains in various parks and green spaces, and again, we hope that we can move forward on that fairly soon.</p> <p>LH: I haven't as yet set an agenda for what we call open meetings. That's to all our Friends groups for the coming year, but I would hope to do four or five in the coming year. Probably now we're looking at one in the beginning of March. I'll try and look for a date for that and we'll arrange for our Friends groups to meet and potentially invite some guests along to those sort of meetings.</p> <p>LH: I know that at the last partnership meeting, Hannah you gave me a very similar presentation. That presentation, for Peter's information, is actually on the Friends Forum website. So, if people do want to see some of that information, we will always try and publish it on our website. I think that's more or less it for me at the moment. I'm happy to take some questions.</p> <p>HJ: Thank you. Larry. Any questions for Larry and his Friends Forum update?</p>		
<p><b><u>Orpington and District Archaeological Society (ODAS) – (Janet Clayton)</u></b></p> <p>JC: Hello everyone, I'm pleased to say we've had a few new members during the pandemic. People have fallen away as well of course, but we have kept our numbers up. We had some new and enthusiastic members and they're working hard with us on the archaeological consequences from the major restoration and conservation program. There's been quite a lot of archaeological work to do from that and it's been very interesting to have access to some parts of the site which we would otherwise not have been able to get to and work on, so it's been very fruitful. So that work is carrying on.</p>		

<p>JC: In September we had our usual annual open weekend at Scadbury and that again was very successful. We had around 500 visitors broadly speaking. Given that everybody must actually walk to the site and trek around the park, that's a pretty good number. Everyone was very interested. It gave them an opportunity to see the conservation work. We had some display material out about the conservation work and some of the finds that has come out from it. That was very well received. So, it was a good weekend, and the weather was marvellous, so we were very lucky.</p> <p>JC: We continue to be in touch with schools about possibly visiting Scadbury, but the lack of facilities is always a problem for that, and we haven't had any schools. It is quite difficult to see how you would have a school group and make sure that worked given the way the site is set up.</p> <p>JC: Day-to-day we are a bit concerned that some of the older fencing around the non-scheduled part of the site has now more or less completely given up functioning. So, although the Council had a big project for new modern improved fencing around the scheduled part of the site, the 4th side of that is effectively unprotected because the old fencing has collapsed and that allows people to, if they're determined enough and some always are, to get into the site. We've been in discussion since last January and I see James's hand has gone up because I'm sure this is somewhere in James's very busy desk of work with all the other things he has been describing this evening. James, do you want to say anything about that now?</p> <p>JH: I was just going to say make sure that we get all the areas of concern at the park logged with ourselves, and with idverde and we'll make sure we review that and include it in our 2023 budget for infrastructure.</p> <p>JC: That's great news because it does worry me that somebody will wander in, be unaware of the traps at Scadbury, and will fall into the moat or something. In which case they would simply be undiscovered until we went up there the next week. So that's good.</p> <p>JH: Yes, and anything health and safety based especially, we'll need to prioritise. So yes, please make sure that's documented.</p> <p>JC: Yes. You will have got all the fencing stuff from us James somewhere.</p> <p>JH: Brilliant. Thank you. We'll make sure that's on our list for review.</p>		
<p><b>NEW ACTION:</b> JH to ensure the Scadbury broken fence is put on the 2023 budget for infrastructure.</p> <p>JC: Excellent. Thank you. I've raised the point about the grant and hopefully that's just a glitch. Also, it's some time since we had an electricity bill because the Scadbury electricity arrangements are very strange for the residents and people like ourselves. There's simply one bill which is paid by the Council and then shared out among everybody. We haven't had a bill for some years now. Our electricity bills are minute, they used to be about £8 a year. I suspect with the rising prices there will be changes to that and although it's not a matter of desperate urgency, we have been wondering what was going to happen about the electricity arrangements at Scadbury. We have raised this and all of these things go up through the normal channels but we just don't know what's.</p>	JH	16/05/23
<p><b>NEW ACTION:</b> JH to provide an update on the Scadbury electricity bill. Perhaps when it can be expected and how much.</p>	JH	16/05/23

<p>JH: We may have had another example of that. So, Hannah and myself are already on to that and we'll keep you updated on that, but thank you. I'll also add that to my list.</p> <p>JC: That's great news. Thank you, James and I'm not pretending this is a top of the list of priorities that I'm sure you've got but of course, if it's an electricity bill of an amount that we're not expecting it can be significant so I would just like to know what is going on.</p> <p>JH: Agreed.</p> <p>JC: Looking forward to discovering at some point whether there is an ongoing management agreement with Historic England for the scheduled site. I don't know what the plans are going forward for the management arrangements at the site itself and no doubt at some point we'll be updated about that. I'm also looking forward to hearing about how the work will go forward on the action point in the open space strategy about Scadbury Park, which is down to be during 2023. That's only one of very many activities but for us it would be very helpful to know how the Council sees that moving forward and during the year.</p> <p>HJ: Thank you, Janet. I'm really looking forward to my visit, which I think David is imminently putting in the diary and would be really pleased to talk to you about next steps for the moated manner when we come down then.</p> <p>JC: Excellent. I look forward to hearing from David when that might be excellent.</p> <p>HJ: Lovely. Does anybody have any questions for Janet or ODAS?</p> <p>MB: Janet, just to let you know, whilst we've been on the call. I have emailed head office and we're chasing your grant payment, so hopefully we'll get an update over to you tomorrow. Thank you.</p> <p>JC: Brilliant. Thank you very much. That's great. Look forward to that.</p>		
<p><b><u>Bromley Biodiversity Partnership Species (Carol Gould)</u></b></p> <p>CG - During 2022 there's been surveying monitoring of the Bromley Species Action plan species so toads, hedgehogs, swifts, dormice, bats, and white admiral butterflies have all been carried out. There are toad and hedgehog reports and associated maps being prepared together with some fact sheets on toads and hedgehogs. If it's OK with Larry, hopefully those can be put onto the Bromley Friends Forum website under the biodiversity useful documents area.</p> <p>CG: All of the records for these species are being sent to the local records centre, Greenspace Information for Greater London (GiGL) and to relevant organisations: KRAG, Hedgehog Street, National Dormouse Monitoring Scheme, Butterfly Conservation and the RSPB. There are a number of actions that have been agreed by the species and habitats subgroup and to carry on for those species.</p> <p>CG: There are some other red listed species being monitored in the borough as well, such as the great crested newts and the Purple Emperor butterfly which was recorded as an additional site in Little Thrift this year. Also, Brown Hairstreak which are still present but there's a limited number of sightings of the adults being recorded. We understand from the Butterfly and Moth</p>		

<p>recorder that the summer made things rather difficult for our butterflies and moths.</p> <p>CG: The last thing I wanted to talk about which is the planning issues. Paul Mellor's team contacts Judy, if they think that there's an environmental issue, biodiversity issue associated with a planning issue and between Judy and I, we've written about 40 letters this year. They included things like the Downe Livery Stables (where the hedgerows are being removed and that was part of the World Heritage Site that was being proposed and so Darwin's Landscape Laboratory). It also includes further developments of the Kemnal crematorium which causes us some concern. There's also further development of the River Cray SINC, or next to the River Cray, at the 208 High Street where a new building is being proposed. So, there are a few areas where there's a little bit of concern about the planning issues.</p> <p>CG: I think the other area that members of the Species and Habitats sub-group suffered from is understanding where the biodiversity conditions are being implemented and whether they're actually enforced. I suppose another question that we had was also what happens if the site has trees felled prior to the planning application coming in. Obviously in the back of someone's mind when the trees are felled, whether that is taken into account when the planning application is taken is that actually considered. So those were the main things, I think everything else has been covered elsewhere in the discussions this evening.</p> <p>HJ: Thank you, Carol. And can I invite Paul to perhaps come back to you on some of those queries?</p> <p>PM: Yes, on the removal of trees or any other vegetation prior to application being submitted. Once the Environment Act makes biodiversity net gain, a legal mandate, then the baseline condition of the site will need to be measured from January 2020 I think it is. So that should be in place to capture that type of gaming of the system and the current region and even upfield that's going through the Lords at the moment does look to kind of firm up those aspects of the act so that we can take a baseline from before the site was cleared.</p> <p>PM: On planning conditions, we do have a system in place where you would submit details for approval and if you are in breach of those conditions then that would potentially be a planning enforcement matter so that a developer can be forced to comply with those conditions and implement them according to the wording of the condition as it was permitted. So, there is recourse in situations like that where conditions are not implemented by the developer post decision.</p> <p>CG: Yes, but if, for example, a member of the swift group has suggested swift boxes, is it easy for them to see that swift boxes either became a condition or if they became a condition, do they simply have to walk around and see whether the swift boxes have actually been included?</p> <p>PM: Yes, I think ideally if any artificial nesting condition, the details of that would be submitted and approved so they would be visible. As you know the benefit of having integral bricks is that once they're there, you can't really remove them. So, the ongoing enforcement or compliance with that condition is much more easily achievable if they are integral to the build. In most cases they would simply be able to see them from the outside of the building. Additional boxes or retrofitted boxes can often be removed, or the condition can deteriorate more quickly than the integral ones. If there's a breach of condition then essentially a planning enforcement officer can investigate that</p>		
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<p>which would normally involve a visit to the site, and if they haven't complied with the specific details that have been approved, then we'll be able to reference that against the plans and take action where appropriate to get in to remedy it.</p> <p>CG: OK. Thank you.</p> <p>HJ: Thank you, Carol, and thank you Paul. Last but by no means least I was going to invite Judith from your Orpington Field Club to give her update.</p>		
<p><b>Habitats sub-group &amp; Orpington Field Club (Dr Judith John)</b></p> <p>JJ: Right. Well, we'll carrying on with our work on the ancient woodland inventory and surveying further woods this spring. I can put the link in to the ancient woodland inventory website if people want to look at it and if they know of any not little woods near them with bluebells and things that they think might be worth a look, just let us know. <a href="#">Ancient Woodland (England)   Ancient Woodland (England)   Natural England Open Data Geoportal (arcgis.com)</a></p> <p>JJ: Come the summer, well before that, we will be working with idverde regarding areas within LBB that are of sufficient quality to be put forward either to the planning Department or via iGL for possible inclusion as SINCs (sites of importance for nature conservation) in the next local plan surveying. Recording of some areas has been carried out and will be surveying further sites in 2023 and sending the results to GiGL. Please have a look at the Bromley SINCs map again and let us know if you think sites may need adding, extending, or possibly down grading. There is a link to the SINCs map which I can send to Helen to put on the minutes (<a href="#">London Borough of Bromley: Maps (planvu.co.uk)</a>)</p> <p>JJ: Regarding this the London Wildlife Trust hosts the London Wildlife Sites board and they assess the SINCs that we suggest. So that's why it's important because they're going to do their tenure assessment quite shortly and we'll need to get those records in to make sure that if you think there's a site that's good that they can look at that before. They've got proper evidence that it might be worse upgrading or including.</p> <p>JJ: Regarding the nature friendly verges we're so pleased to see that those are going ahead and we'll be promoting it in the 'why meadows matter' poster campaign this summer, which we hope will help with that.</p> <p>JJ: Regarding environmental concerns, we sent letters to Gareth Bacon, Bob Stewart and Bob Neil setting out our concerns regarding the deregulation proposals that was in October and we also sent comments for the first part of the consultation of the draft Urban Design guide, supplementary planning document. Mainly concerning the need for inclusion of biodiversity and ecosystem and the ecosystem services supports throughout all planning. That's it. Thank you very much.</p> <p>HJ: Thank you Judith. Any questions or feedback for Judith?</p>		
<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>HJ: Before I move on to any other business, I just wanted to invite the portfolio holder or our PDS chair, Councillor Roman Rowlands, in case they would like to make any comments.</p> <p>CLlr Cuthbert: None for me. Hannah, thanks so much.</p>		

<p>Cllr Rowlands: Agreed with Councillor Cuthbert. Thank you.</p> <p>HJ: Thank you. OK, in which case I will by show of hands or a shout of my name ask if there's any other business before we set a date for the next meeting. [Nobody had AOB]. Great. You've all given very comprehensive updates.</p>		
<p><b><u>Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>HJ: I think the next meeting is due to be in July 2023. As Helen isn't here, what I'll ask her to do is to liaise with everybody to find a date that's convenient and we'll meet again then. I'll draw this meeting to a close. Thank you everybody for your time and for your contributions. Thank you and farewell to Amy. I look forward to seeing everybody else in July. I'm sure we'll cross paths before, but if not, July it shall be. Thank you everybody. Good evening.</p>		