

## APPENDIX

### Actions from the OVPSG February 2021.

*Updates/additions from 9 November 2020 shown in blue.*

*Updated/additions from 1 February 2021 shown in red.*

#### 1. South Street to Hockliffe Street walking and cycling route

Jon Balaam;

- Will arrange a quote for a contractor to regularly cut back the vegetation to the rear of the EDF site between South Street to Woodman Close, providing a walkable route adjacent to the Clipstone Brook. *Quote for one off clearance of corridor of dense scrub provided to CBC. Can quote for ongoing clearance if required. Work should be done before the next bird breeding season.*
- Will work with SL to provide a route alignment drawing to discuss at the next Green Wheel Working Group meeting.
- Will seek to secure a quote for providing a surfaced route on the agreed alignment, as above.
- Will liaise the Environment Agency regarding this.
- Will give a view as to how the old allotments area can be managed in a way that enhances its ecological and community value.

Victoria Harvey

- Will talk to residents and will have a meeting with Craig Siddle re the grass cutting of the meadow by EDF. *VH has followed up and this is done by EDF, not CBC – she will try to contact UK Power Networks*
- Will talk to residents in Woodman Close, once an initial plan is available. *Consultation possibilities currently limited due to Covid-19*
- Will ask planning officers for the documents for the latest planning application for Eastern LL so that there is a continuous path from South Street right through into Eastern Leighton Linslade. *CBC will get a design done for a path along Clipstone Brook for circulation at our next meeting but no funding has been identified as yet*
- And will ask about the cycling links for ELL. *Cycling links are being factored in as the plans are developed.*

#### 2. Links from Southern Leighton Buzzard to Linslade

- **Steve Lakin** to seek to secure the legal right to connect the footpath adjacent to the Retail Park service road to BW14, which links to Grovebury Farm. *Ongoing*
- **Steve Lakin** to secure some of the section 106 money from Grovebury Road Retail Park to fund improvements to the walked route between the Retail Park and Parson's Close. *Ongoing*

#### 3. Green Wheel

- **Victoria Harvey** to ask the planners about making the Green Wheel be formally adopted as Technical Guidance. *SL: Awaiting sign off by Cllr Dalgarno – in progress. Now sits with Cllr Tracey Stock, SL has written a report for her, will hopefully be adopted by end of February 2021.*

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- **Jon Balaam** will do regular written updates on the Green Wheel for Partnership Committee – also reviewing the Green Wheel action plan in light of the Government Gear Change policy *Next Partnership Committee meeting 10.12.20 SL and JB to meet with EC this week.*
- **Victoria Harvey** and **Tony Morris** will champion Green Wheel and its progress to the LLTC Partnership Committee *Ongoing*

### 5. **By Tower Mill Bridge**

**This is a key part of the town and its appearance is very important to the town and hence either LLTC or CBC having control of this area could be important**

- **Mark Saccoccio, Paul Burgess and Jon Balaam** will work together to make sure that there is a quarterly clear up of rubbish. *Done and ongoing*
- **Victoria Harvey** will contact Schools for the Future officers in CBC re the banks by Leighton Middle School to establish a separate land parcel that falls outside the school estate. *VH to follow up. VH to follow up again.*
- **Steve Lakin** to liaise with **Mark Saccoccio** on a proposition to acquire land in Black's ownership north of the river bridge – securing this in perpetuity. *MS has approached land owners of west bank, purchase of land unlikely but Blacks open to discussion on potential arrangements e.g. financial contribution towards maintenance of land*
- **All** to consider a scheme to make the bankside either side of the canal bridge into an attractive feature. *Agreed to invite a representative of the Canal & Rivers Trust to the next meeting.*
- **Mark Saccoccio** will contact the Environment Agency as regards their responsibilities for maintenance of the river. *Awaiting response*
- **Paul Burgess** will investigate who within CBC is best placed to assume responsibility of any new river bank holdings.

### 7. **Cycling**

- **Esther Clarke:** to progress the review of the Buzzcycles Cycling Strategy in light of the Government Gear Change policy and to update the OVP *This is a bigger job and taking longer than anticipated. SO asked whether the revised strategy should be endorsed by either/both councils. SL/JB have a meeting with EC to discuss the strategy revision.*

### 8. **Biodiversity**

- **Victoria Harvey:** to progress removal of some nettles under willows on Riverside Walk and to replace with small shrubs to increase biodiversity
- **All:** to consider how the OVPSG could help facilitate the establishment of annual biodiversity indicators and how to get volunteers involved with this.