

ECONET Meeting

6th April 2021

Online Meeting

Attendees: Bob Davies, Cathy Holwill, Dave Barks, Judith Oliver, Keith Alexander, Marcus Wheeler, Philip Allen, Steve Ayers, Tricia Marcouse, Alan Stevens

Apologies: Sandra Jackson, Terry Crawford

The primary aim of the meeting was to identify a new way of organising the program of volunteer Wildlife Conservation tasks, primarily for CRoW, but linking into the ECONET 'Friends of' groups too.

The main areas to consider were :-

- Liaison with site owners to identify the need for tasks.
- Build a schedule/program of work and update the website.
- Identify Task Leaders who will define the scope of the task.
- Communicate to the volunteers and confirm their attendance.
- Ensure tools are available on the day.
- Carry out the task, confirm completion to the site owner, update records.

It was agreed that :-

- ❖ Trish would liaise with RBC & BBOWT, Philip with West Berks, National Trust & Rushall Farm and Dave with Wokingham DC (Fox Hill, Woosehill & High Wood).
- ❖ Trish would create a shared Google spreadsheet to record the program of work which Dave, Philip & Alan (for the moment) would access.
- ❖ The 4 names people above would work with the people on this call to agree a Team Leader for each task. There may be others who were not part of the video call.
- ❖ Some people on the video call offered to support the Team Leaders as necessary (e.g. transportation of tools, last minute changes)
- ❖ Spreadsheet will also include the volunteer contact details and the support skills they have to offer
- ❖ Alan we re-circulate Dave's draft document 'CRoW Operating Procedures' to those who had not seen it

We will meet again in 2 months to review what has worked well and what needs tweaking (Steve to organise).

Other areas to be addressed include:-

- Additional keys to Prospect Park tool store (Trish to investigate)
- Other functions currently undertaken by Alan (e.g. website, Treasurer)
- Managing the tools (maintenance & replacement)

- Provision of refreshments (post COVID)
- Integration with possible RBC voluntary workers
- Power tools (use of, training)

Addendum

Following the meeting, Sandra kindly offered to organise tasks at the National Trust sites and also the Five a Day Market Garden.