

Seaford Community Partnership.

Local Green Spaces.

The Seaford Town Council Maintenance Agreement.

- 1) I have consulted with Martello Rotarians and local lawyers to ensure our proposals to vary are on a sound footing.
- 2) Revised document sent to STV in May. Response so far on 16th Mat from Geoff Johnson was they would review and respond asap.
- 3) Reminder sent early July. No further response.

Other Groups we are working alongside.

Over the past few months the changes in Greenhavens management structure and their new attitude towards conciliatory cooperation has created opportunities to work together. Miriam Thundercliffe and I have met on several occasions and plan further mutual support events. We currently share interests by way of Dan Ori in the Peveralls Community Garden, The Last Wood and Meadow, Princess Drive and Normansell.

A close relationship has also been developed with Trees for Seaford. It was decided that we would engage Trees for Seaford as a "Contractor" for planting and rewilding where LGS Friends Groups needed help as the T for S group had good relationships with the local authority, were trusted and had the ability to reclaim VAT. Meetings have been help with Judy Pepper and Miriam Thundercliffe to ensure we work in a harmonious way and do not "tread on each others toes". We all have very common aims and collective working is the route forward.

In all cases we are using the results of the Survey Document created to assess the appetite of the local residents and Seaford townsfolk for the proposed changes we are looking to make in the overall management of the LGS.

Individual LGS.

Formation of Friends Groups.

1)

Surrey Road. Following the incursion by the current owner and the wholesale destruction of habitat on the pretext of creating firebreaks a nascent Friends Group rapidly developed. I and Chalie Grimble met and created the Group and an operating committee. The committee continues to meet and discuss measures to register accurately the actual flora and fauna within the LGS. This is difficult as no legal access is given by the owner but photographic and drone evidence is being created to support future claims. Work alongside the Brickfields Friends has been very useful and a continued relationship is welcomed.

2) The Last Wood and Meadow.

Recent meetings have brought together the disparate groups all claiming to represent this LGS. A combined listing of the interested parties has been created and the future looks stronger than before. A first meeting of the new group is to be held very shortly at the Mercread Rd Community Centre. Renewed contact with Lewes DC are now allowing further discussions regarding the future management of this special site. Recently with the help of Councillor Reed the "Camp" within the wood was removed and tree surgeons repaired damage to torn branches.

4) Princess Drive / Grand Avenue.

The Friends of group has met on several occasions. Whilst there is a desire to vary the appearance of the landscape, without the agreement from STC we are stuck. Trees for Seaford and the Verge are looking at some treatments but we must ensure that any work falls under the wishes of the LGS Friends Group.

5) Normansall Park, Foster Close, The Ridings.

No real progress yet. Covid damaged our ability to develop these groups and we have to restart.

Seaford Friends Group.

The various new Friends Groups and existing and newly formed ones have been invited to participate in a Super Group, where all groups have approach the Councils with a common voice. Furthermore, there are opportunities to work collectively, bulk but and rent equipment for multiple sites less expensively.

Constructive talks have been had with

Blatchington Green, Sutton Drove (The Downs), Valley Rise, Last Wood and Meadow, The Old Brickfields. Seaford Town Council.

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