

## **Report to SCP AGM 25 July 22**

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### **Sustainability and Climate Change**

**A net zero carbon and climate resilient council and district by 2030 is a key focus for LDC**

**This is reflected in the following sections in relation to the work of SCP**

- Encourage more cycling and walking in the district by working with community cycling groups, East Sussex County Council and others to improve infrastructure and reduce barriers to cycling.

Thus we were delighted to support Supporting CIL bid for the Cycle path and Cliff gardens Project

- Increase biodiversity, wildflower and pollinator opportunities through cutting pesticide use on council land and have an ambitious programme of tree planting and rewilding. •

Friends groups play a crucial role and I have been supporting the ones in my ward working on LDC land (and beyond now it seems!) Last Wood and Meadow most recent

A lot of officer time and resources have gone in to supporting and advising work being led by Friends of Sutton Downs, but the new Wildflowers swathes suffered from dry weather in their first year. A dry spring and summer means some started badly especially at The Downs they are going over very quickly and we will see how they progress next year.

Trees were planted last Autumn (with Trees for Seaford) and to continue this year with more ideas being developed for other parts of the Downs- fruiting hedge next, community growing plot in future

Tree pruning took place in The Last wood to try to stop the drinkers congregating, lighting fires and littering.

Wildflowers were good at Chalvington Fields, Walmer Road and it was a wonderful year for the longstanding ones at Micklefield park

LDC has already phased out glyphosate and values our pollinators and it was a joy to go to the sites and listen to them.

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