

Kelbrook & Sough Neighbourhood Plan – Project Proposal

Environmental Biodiversity

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Justification

At present there is no reliable record of the flora and fauna which inhabit or frequent the parish of Kelbrook & Sough. This was made very clear in the recent Cob Lane planning application which cited only one record held by LCC and no records of protected species in the area. To assist in determining preferred development land, green space and conservation areas within Kelbrook & Sough there would be great benefit in having an accessible record of the biodiversity within the parish.

Proposal

1. To create a publicly accessible record of flora and fauna within the parish over a period of the next year as base data on which neighbourhood plan decisions can be made, should it prove necessary.
2. To incorporate any already available data which has been collected since 2010.
3. To create a legacy database which may be owned and updated under the auspices of the Parish Council as a local biodiversity reference site.

Outline Process

1. Identify and select an available recording database from the net based services currently in existence.
2. Produce a comprehensive project plan
3. Establish rules for sightings, data collection and data input.
4. Recruit an administrator.
5. Map Kelbrook & Sough as 6 figure OS grid reference areas on to a local area map which can be used for sighting references.
6. Identify and load existing data e.g. bat surveys, LCC brown hare records, local bird surveys.
7. Publicise and recruit residents, regular walkers, local environmental groups to begin the process.
8. Monitor and encourage as necessary

Forseen Problem Areas

1. An available data base
2. A volunteer administrator and assistant
3. Maintaining enthusiasm for 12+ months

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Agreed by Steering Committee on: