

Committee Breakdown of Outcomes from the Ecological and Biodiversity Assessment of the Amenity Field completed 12th October 2023

The report provides valid and interesting suggestions for usage and management of this green space. These fall under the responsibility of the various committees of Battle Town Council. This report clarifies where these responsibilities lay. It will then call upon each Committee to review and action as appropriate these outcomes.

For further information see the full report “Ecological and Biodiversity Assessment” in the Climate and Ecological Sub Committee web page as an attachment.

Estates Committee

1. The large open green space is a public asset that could be used for gatherings (rented out) for local groups etc. and thus it could be managed as such.
2. The brambles adjacent to the school wire fence should be strimmed off (not the other side of the entrance strip).
3. The issue of brambles needs to be reviewed every five years. i.e. In 2028
4. Numerous log piles can be set into the margins of the site to benefit invertebrates, reptiles and amphibians.
5. Place old or rotting timbers in the area to provide habitat for stag beetles
6. Some of the dead ash are within the school curtilage and limbs overhang the access route to the site by 10m. There is a risk that dead limbs from the trees could fall on visitors to the Amenity Field. Advise the school needs of this risk.

Town Development and External Relations Committee

None

Transport and Planning Committee

1. It would appear that access to the site and beyond to the 1066 County Walk would be improved with more signage.
2. Five oak fingerposts are recommended to be erected in the following locations. 1 & 2 Fingerposts at both entrances to the Amenity Field. Both showing 1066 Country Walk. 3. Fingerpost at the bottom of the field which points through Long Plantation to BAT/86/2
4. Fingerpost directing to Manser’s Shaw to the west.
5. Fingerpost directing from Manser’s Shaw to the east.

Climate and Ecology Sub Committee

1. Enhance the area, through funding and community involvement, with wildlife boxes in particular for birds, insects and bats.
2. Facilitate a spring/summer biodiversity audit report to complement this audit.

Finance and General Purposes

None

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