



Minutes from a meeting about Forest for Calstock Project Advisory Committee

Wednesday 14 April 2021

Present: Alastair Tinto, Theo Brown, John Wells, Gill Court, Lesley Strong, Stuart Wood and Clare Bullimore (minutes).

Apologies: from Alex Polglase.

Objective: to review planting schemes.

Review of work to date:

Apologies from Clare for arriving late to the meeting having been unavoidably held up.

The People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) have confirmed funding for 20 apple trees.

The planting scheme had been disseminated to Lesley and Stuart who have made useful comments on it – thanks to all involved.

The detailed planting scheme was agreed with the following suggestions:

Calstock riverbank

Agreed as set out in the document

Calstock – bank alongside wetland habitat

Stuart suggested including hazel and Alder and look to gain funding during phase 2 for planting a hedgerow and connecting with the Marsh Lane boundary and for the back row to be plants that could be coppiced/laid and therefore not obstruct the view of the river in height.

Calstock – Marsh Lane hedge

This is felt to be too sparse and requires more than infill so to be considered during phase 2 if funding can be secured. Stuart said some free oak trees may be available and Clare reminded the group that some oak saplings have been donated so these may be useful for this area.

Calstock Cemetery extension

Due to the roman archaeology it was agreed to eliminate this site, but Clare will contact Chris Smart about siting the landmark tree that has been pledged suitably in this area.

St Ann's Chapel Playing Field

Lots of space to plant but restricted funds available, therefore it was agreed to focus on appropriate hedging around the play park fence and a couple of orchard plots.

Millennium Green

Agreed as set out in the document with consideration that the hedge on the car park boundary should not protrude into the open space too much causing an obstruction for the annual fete.

General:

It was agreed to get costings of the plants listed in the scheme to be able to finalise the draft planting scheme before circulating it back with the public. At the next meeting further discussions will be had about ongoing maintenance and how to harness and co-ordinate volunteers for this.

Agreed actions:

- Gill and Alastair to meet Ben Williams from Calstock Football Club to share plans and ensure the plants will no impact on the football pitch.
- Clare to confirm number and size of oak saplings that have been donated.
- Clare to contact Chris Smart about siting a landmark tree in the Cemetery extension, Calstock.
- Stuart to send Clare details of the Woodland Trust and funding applications for her to disseminate and Gill to start to process.
- Alastair to contact Adrian Steel and Tamar Trees and get costings for the plants in the scheme so that a final draft can be produced.
- John Wells to share with Lesley and Gill and Stuart samples of biodegradable stakes and guards.
- Clare to check on previously used tree guards that were found dumped in Harrowbarrow.
- Theo to liaise with Stuart about free oaks and how to co-ordinate the distribution of them later in the year.

Date of next working group meeting: Wednesday 12 May 2021, 1200noon