

## Meeting of The Biodiversity Sub Group

24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 Duke of Wellington, Ince

Present...

Neil Pond

Tim Lloyd

Drew Bellis

Andy Eardley

Andy Ankers

Apologies None

The meeting opened & TL suggested that we change the name of the group, as he felt it was counter intuitive and did not reflect all the concerns of the Group.

After some discussion, it was agreed that Biodiversity & Habitats better reflected the concerns of the group and its perceived remit going forward.

NP asked the group to consider a Vision Statement to reflect the group. After some discussion & several suggestions it was agreed that the Vision Statement should be:-

“ To Identify, Protect & Enhance The Biodiversity and Various Habitats of the Parish Of Ince “

NP then asked the group to consider objectives for the group. After lots of discussion, it was agreed that these should reflect and expand on the Vision Statement and should be as follows -:

“Work in co-operation with outside agencies & utilizing Local knowledge to identify the range of Biodiversity, Habitats & Area’s of Significance within the Ince Parish and the adjoining area “

“To use the NP S55 Status & and other tools available to protect the Biodiversity & Habitats of Ince & to Mitigate the impact of further development & consequential loss of habitats “

“ Working with our partners, External Agencies & Neighbours to Identify areas where Habitat Improvements could be made to further encourage Bio Diversity “

TL produced and circulated several Maps of the parish and surrounding areas, and AA Produced a list of the Flora & Fauna that he indentified in the Parish. A conversation ensued about both documents and how they could be of benefit to the Group.

The group also discussed which external agencies could be contacted to assist in the first step of our objectives, identification.

NP;- agreed to contact Rachel Giles at Cheshire Wildlife Trust regarding a Flora & Fauna survey of the parish.

TL;- told the group that eh would contact CWAC Biodiversity Officers to ask what assistance & advice they would be able to give.

DB;- Agreed to seek out information regarding ‘Bird Kill’ lists recorded by the wind farm to give an indication of Constant & Migratory Species present & an idea of numbers.

Other Groups also discussed included Cheshire Bat Group & CWAC. It was agreed that the date for the next subgroup meeting would be set at the next NP steering group meeting.

The meeting closed at 9pm.