

ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE TRUST LAND

This year the Annual Inspection of the Trust land took place on 14 June and was attended by Councillor Howorth, P Grobien and P Beesley together with three Council Officers. Apologies were received from Mr Ashby.

Riverside Walk

The following points were recorded during the inspection: -

- The presence of Oak Processionary Moth was noted in one of the trees adjacent to the Trust land (Cabrera Avenue entrance)
- There was some nettle overgrowth at the entrance which was prohibiting a full view of the sign
- Sign needed to include a 'No Cycling' sign
- Wooden frame of the sign needed treatment
- Himalayan Balsam was present on the station path (this was coming from the railway embankment)
- Coppicing work previously agreed by the Committee would be scheduled for the Autumn (Green Space Officers to liaise with the Council's bid writer to ascertain if he would be able to assist the Trust in obtaining grant funding for future coppicing works)
- The Friends Group would be started in full in Spring 2023
- The Forest School area was in good condition and tidy. (Green Space Officers to contact Vikki Balaam for an update on Forest School Activity)
- Some trees had fallen during the recent storms
- A recent wildflower walk had been well attended and it was reported that the area was in good condition
- A boundary walk would be organised to assess if there were any encroachments. Residents would subsequently be written to advising them of any encroachments, thereby giving them the opportunity to clear the area before legal action was taken
- Work party happy to clear ditches if this was the correct approach. Green Space Officers would liaise with the work party once area had been fully assessed and possible benefit evaluated
- A mound of fallen trees/twigs needed removing from the southern part of the stream. Councillor Howorth, Mr Grobien and Mr Godfrey would meet to remove this. This would prevent more bank erosion and aid water flow
- The Group talked about the need for fundraising and discussed the option of asking for regular subscriptions from residents etc. to ensure the Trust remained financially stable.
- The possibility of the Wentworth Golf Club contributing was discussed
- A small hole was found in one of the composite boardwalks. Officers would arrange for this to be repaired as soon as possible.

Cabrera Open Space

- The grass was very long. Officers would contact contractors to arrange for it to be cut
- There was a mat and cone in situ by one of the trees. Officers removed this from the site
- One of the trees at the back of the site had a large area of brambles growing under it. Officers would arrange for these to be cut back.