

Catmere End Village Pond Biodiversity Project Consultation Meeting

07.01.2023
11:00 am
Catmere End Pond
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Catmere End Residents

Introduction:

Catmere End Pond and its immediate surrounding area have been identified as a good potential candidate for a Local Government and Littlebury Parish Council Biodiversity Project to encourage an increase in native flora and fauna in line with the National initiative on re-wilding the countryside.

To this end the Parish Council commissioned an independent expert report on the Pond and its immediate surrounding area from FWAG East to ascertain what could be done to increase and restore wildlife habitat and attract pondlife, wild flowers, insect, animal and birds to the location.

In carrying out this project and maintaining the result, the intention is to create an asset for the village and its community that is both beneficial to the environment, enjoyed by the residents and educational for present and future generations.

Objectives of this meeting, having now received and circulated the initial FWAG Report:-

- Gauge village resident support for Biodiversity and Sustainability Project
- Collect initial reactions and views and
- Find volunteers from the village to set up a work group
- Identify traceable channels of communication to circulate information –
 - Primary [formal] - Parish Council website and e-mail

Scope

- Biodiversity – pondlife, wild flowers, plants, trees, insect, animal and birds
- Sustainability – community and resident interaction,
- Setting up and maintenance
- Investigate and progress other community facilities that might fall under the Sustainable umbrella

Decision

- Support the Biodiversity project
- Turn area into community garden
- Do nothing

Actions given the go ahead for the Biodiversity project

- Feed views and reactions back to Parish Council and FWAG
- With FWAG's assistance draw up action plan, map and timeline
- Work group to action plan with help of village

Parish Council's Role

To act as a facilitator and co-ordinator

With changes in policy and approach towards Sustainability and Biodiversity, Essex County Council and Uttlesford District Council are making increasingly interfacing and engaging with local communities through their Parish Councils for these activities.

Parish Councils are being looked to to co-ordinate activities and facilitate funds, either direct or through grants from various local government bodies, NGOs and other recognised groups

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Appendix i

FWAG East Report – December 2022, author Rebecca Inman