

Kingston Parish Council 12 January 2022 Appendix 11 Environmental Action Plan update

1. The environmental Group has met and considered next steps. Our focus will initially be on establishing a mapping project. We have had further discussions with the University of Sussex about what methodologies might be most appropriate to use in building a baseline picture of green infrastructure at an appropriate level for the parish as a whole. We are seeking a meeting with SDNPA to discuss the support that might be available to us; how such an exercise might be used as a pilot for other parishes in the SDNPA; and, how this could fit into the mapping work the SDNPA is considering.
2. We plan to make an application for the SDNPA 'Call for sites / 'Expressions of interest' Renaturing programme (deadline 17 January 2022). SDNPA have encouraged us to make a general application, not a detailed proposal, which can serve as a marker of our interest.
3. We discussed projects that we could take on in the future: garden pledge scheme; setting up a 'sitings' map; having Bio blitz days for the village; and the 'Kingston Way'. Volunteers would be needed to set up these projects and make them happen. We would also need web pages to support them. We discussed later next year inviting residents to a meeting to explain what we are doing and seek their involvement. Jan Knowlson (SDNPA ranger) has offered to show people how to use iNaturalist and iRecord.
4. SDNPA may consider Kingston as a pilot site next spring for their 'Greener Spaces Project'. SDNPA are in the process of producing a simple toolkit to improve the management of green spaces for bio-diversity, public engagement and public health. This could help us in the management of St Pancras Green.

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