

Kingston Parish Council 14 September 2022
Item 7.2 Appendix 2

Bio-diversity Update - Application to SDNPA Call for Nature Sites

We had a successful meeting with Jeremy Boysson (Landscape Lead SDNPA, Jan Knowlson SDNPA Ranger, the environmental group and some councillors) on 4 August 2022 and have agreed to submit to the SDNPA a proposal for funding for a high level green infrastructure audit / mapping of opportunities, for the whole parish. We will be taking advice from the University of Sussex and the SDNPA in preparing this.

If our bid for funding is successful we would expect the project to be completed by March 2023 and to produce a report which reviewed the available information and could be used as a starting point to identify projects we could take forward for which we would need to apply for separate funding.

It would also include a summary of the steps taken to produce the report as part of the aim of the project is to act as an exemplar for other parishes / groups to learn from. KPC is the only parish in the South Downs Park that has suggested such an approach which has generated a lot of interest.

We would look to launching the project next spring, once we have something to report with an event for residents explaining what we have been doing, further help / volunteers we need to support future projects etc. Jan has already offered to provide sessions on how to use identification apps.

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