

**THE WELLCOME TRUST GENOME CAMPUS**

**WETLANDS COMMUNITY CONSERVATION GROUP**

Walk Round Meeting, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019, 1pm, Wetlands Nature Reserve.

**Actions**

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Who</u></b>
1.	<p><b>Welcome and apologies</b> from Lee Outhwaite, Laura Osborne, Sara Gregson, Gerry Birch, Norman Cobley, Katherine Jeffery, Will Newhouse, Tim Leech, Eve Coomber, Michelle Starling (MS).</p>	
2.	<p><b>Works for next winter with the contractor firmed down? Any Suggestions for change in how they approached it?</b> Ponds; discussed and agreed that works would not be carried out on the bird ringing lake (Lake 3) and to leave as a separate habitat.</p> <p>More trees to be removed from main pond during works next time.</p> <p>Keep Bull Rushes with 4 to 5 year cycle for cutting back.</p> <p>Gravel Island has overgrown and is to be identified and reinstated.</p> <p>Ponds to be known as Pond 1 – Main Pond, Pond 2 – behind, Pond 3 to South East , Pond 4 South West.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Grass Cutting</b> Grass cutting is now with a contractor as well – next half planned for next year.</p> <p>Leave Pond 3 as is but control scrub, grass cut the perimeter (approx. 20%) but not to disturb pond vegetation.</p> <p>Gravel in between Ponds 3 and 4. Gravel to be reinstated by weed control and IW to advise whether this can be worked on with the Work Party Volunteer Group.</p> <p><b>Action: SHB/LM to ask IW whether Volunteer Work Party Group can help to weed the gravel pond area.</b></p> <p>Gravel was initially put at pond 1 but it sank so moved between 3 and 4. NR explained.</p>	SHB/LM

Pond 4.  
Rye runs parallel with willows.  
Left side – South Side  
Remove and leave 20% boundary of edge North side of Pond 4  
and all reeds to 20% boundary of edge.

All to be removed 20% perimeter to leave muddy edge.

IW agreed that Saplings can be managed and controlled/removed with work party when wet, during winter time.  
**Action: IW to confirm date at next meeting in September for winter work party.**

SHB

4. **Badger Crossing Options**

There are plenty of areas along the perimeter for badgers to cross the road. Unfortunately, we cannot be certain that these badgers were killed on the area of road where they were found and reported.

**Action: Response wording to be confirmed by IW for SHB to send to Campus staff member.**

IW/SHB

5. **Work Party schedule of works – required/planned?**

Work Parties will be held this year to control Himalayan Balsam on site as much as possible. IW has scheduled two dates for work parties.

**Action: IW to send Information / poster to SHB/LM.**

6. **Grounds works to be done? – run through the schedule.**

Coppicing – larger scale needed. Risings to be chipped and dealt with there and then and removed from site.

**Action: SHB to speak to JP and LeeO to see whether treeworks contractor can remove.**

SHB

IW advised that it would be good to get more structure in the tree belt.

Tree people required to come to Wetlands to conduct a survey. WLT use Garden Works and IW is able to provide contact details.

Pond 3 – Contractor works scheduled for 2020-2021  
Pond 4 2019-2020 and Pond 1 South Edge 2019-2020.

7. **Any Other Business**

More Refugia to be ordered x 8 pieces.

**Action: LM to order.**

LM



**8. Dates of Next Meeting**

All

~~Tuesday 10th September 2019, 1pm, N240 Morgan Building.~~

**[Post Meeting Note:]** Rescheduled to Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019,  
12.00 noon in N2-40 Morgan Building.

**Attendees**

Sarah Burgess (SHB)

Lorraine Moore (LM)

Andrew Knights (AN)

Willy Brown (WB)

Iain Webb (IW) WLT

Dr Steve Trudgill (ST)

Terry Sadler (TS)

Neil Rawlings (NR)

Andrii Iudin (AI)