

Subject:	Land & Nature Group
From:	Peter Kenrick
Date:	24/07/2023
For information/decision [please delete as appropriate]	
Summary of decisions or actions requested (including timing):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree permission for Marcus Simmons to join the LNG • Approve expenditure for activities/materials at Riverside Festival 	
Financial implications: [please explain any costs associated with decisions or actions, and whether these have already been budgeted for]	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Printing posters & maps for use at Riverside Festival (River Tent) – 29&30/7/23 - £97.50 + VAT 	

CAG Oxfordshire Support.

- As previously reported, Marcus Simmons (CAG Oxfordshire / Oxfordshire Treescapes Project) is assisting the LNG in many areas including the use of LandApp, HLF Funding application and general nature recovery advice.
- To assist Marcus in this important support work for us, it would be useful for him to have access to the Land & Nature project on Basecamp and we therefore seek TC approval for this.
- CAG Oxfordshire has just secured limited funding through the Nature Recovery Network Seed Corn Fund which will help them to continue their support for us and other parishes embarking on nature recovery planning.

HLF (Heritage Lottery Fund) Funding Bid

- Marcus is leading on the preparation of a bid for HLF funding (as previously reported) to support parish clusters working towards nature recovery. Frances, Geoff & Peter are working actively with Marcus on the bid. Two very productive zoom meetings have been held during the past week. As a working title, the focus of the bid project is to **empower parish communities into effective nature recovery**.
- Our aim is for the LNG to become an exemplar for parish cluster level nature recovery planning.

Riverside Festival – River Tent

- The ECP Everyone's Evenlode team is organising a River Tent at the Riverside Festival to highlight river and water related issues and to encourage citizen science participation.
- The LNG will participate with information about proposed initiatives at Mill Field (e.g. the rock ramp and water meadow restoration) and elsewhere. To engage the public in nature recovery planning we will have laminated maps on which people will be able to draw suggested locations for nature improvements.
- To facilitate this LNG involvement at Riverside, we are seeking limited expenditure to print posters and maps as above. It is anticipated that these printed resources can be re-used at Street Fair.

CAG Oxfordshire Workshop – 1st July 2023 – Oxfordshire Community Action for Nature Recovery

- Four members of the LNG attended the Nature Recovery Planning workshop organised by Marcus Simmons from CAG at the West Botley Community Centre in Oxford on Saturday July 1st. The event was attended by about 80 participants from parishes and organisations across the county and included talks in the morning followed by workshops in the afternoon. LNG displayed posters about the work of the LNG and nature recovery planning in Charlbury and we ran a workshop in the afternoon on maps and mapping.