

CUSOP PARISH COUNCIL
9th April 2025

BIODIVERSITY WORKING GROUP

At its meeting on 12th March 2025 the Council agreed to consider the formation of a Biodiversity Working Group to take forward issues identified during the neighbourhood development plan review, but which extended beyond the remit of the NDP.

The Council is invited to consider the following terms of reference, making such changes it judges suitable.

Timetable

A one-year project to take forward defined issues: Herefordshire Council's response to Cusop's arboricultural report provides a starting point.

Persons

A core of four or five local residents plus a lead councillor. Open meetings periodically on bigger issues in the same manner as the NDP Review Group.

Functions

1. To make suggestions to the Council on implementing the outcomes of the arboricultural survey, as identified by Herefordshire Council.
2. To make suggestions to the Council on ways to implement the Council's biodiversity policy.
3. To make suggestions on further protection for unique landscapes - the Dingle, Cusop Hill in particular.
4. If invited to do so, to comment on the biodiversity implications planning applications.

Operation

A Councillor will be appointed to be Lead Member for Biodiversity - they join the group.

The Clerk to provide proportionate clerking services and advice - although it may be that some or much of its work can be done remotely.

It is hoped that meetings can be open meetings - like the NDP Review Group - to involve as many residents as possible.

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3 April 2025