

## Local Living Landscape (Area 34) Project List – 2011

Update 4<sup>th</sup> Apr 2011

| Project                      | 2011 Target  | Status and Possibilities  |
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| Area Green walk              | tbd  | Met with Jon and David: NS documented ideas for walks to link to Town and Parish walks with emphasis on wildlife, economy and some land use history. Jon progressing  |
| Ponds                        | 1) Ramsden School Moat obtain funding and start work<br>2) identify one other pond and look for funding                  | 1) EWT looking for main funding, NS has 2 support funding possibilities – may be necessary to descope using local funding:<br>2)<br>- Nr Meepshole Wood NS to arrange site visit and contact landowner<br>- Lodge Farm, nr Ramsden Heath (NS/ NH to progress) |
| Woodland                     | 1) Barrenleys Wood into PCM <sup>1</sup><br>2) Identify one other woodland for PCM and agree in principle with landowner | 1) Barrenleys Wood – agreed area for thinning and planting and work party(s) in October for conservation area<br>2) Buckwyns Wood? Little Bishops Wood? plus possible help to Lodge Farm with new woodland (latter is most likely)                            |
| Agri-environment schemes     | 1) Liaise with 10 local landowners on the concept<br>2) and move 2 towards ES or HLS                                     | 1) Done<br>2) many potentially interested will follow-up throughout year  |
| Wildlife Corridors           | 1) Verge near Bill school Farm<br>2) Hedge along A176<br>3) one other – get landowner consent                            | 1) ECC approved; needs a method statement for Autumn Planting – Nathan has template<br>2) Nathan has agreement of ECC and adjoining landowner on this one!<br>3) Lodge Farm is a possible for ‘dormouse corridor’ – Robin Cotteril to check in July           |
| Community Conservation areas | 1) Find one plot of land, get landowner agreement and produce management plan and start looking for funding              | Linda Gardens looks unlikely. Ns/NH looked at 3 other areas but one landowner not ken and not yet got hold of other landowners  |

<sup>1</sup> Positive Conservation Management

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|  | Scrub/ 'scruffy corner conservation |   | Start with promoting value – article for MMS Newsletter that could be used elsewhere? (Summer)  |
|  | Homes for wildlife                  | 1) Install 2 Kestrel and 1 each of Tawny Owl and Barn Owl boxes<br>2) Install Bat boxes in at least one local woodland (40-acre or Barrenleys?)<br>3) Build one Hibernaculum<br><i>Swifts initiative is ongoing</i> | 1) 2 landowners have agreed and there are many other possibilities. Also have an adviser who has had success near Chelmsford<br><br>2) Construction day set for 1 <sup>st</sup> Sep |
|  | Surveys                             | 1) check golf courses and rivers for water vole<br>2) bullfinch survey<br>3) 2 new farms surveyed for red/amber species   | 1) MMS member (and Bill?) attending an EWT course<br>2) NS needs to email appeal for mid-April<br>3) NS to do Spinningdale and Markhams. Barleylands not responsive                 |
|  | Access for disabled                 | 1) Find one location where its feasible   | No progress   |
|  | Education                           | Tbd – need plan of campaign and advice  | Met with David Knight who has ideas outlined to NS  |
|  | Local Business                      | Maintain dialogue with Burstead Golf course with a view to promoting their conservation work and getting records of all species of interest.<br>Similar for Lodge Farm Livery                                       | Need to follow-up last year's meeting – have spoken with owner who agrees in principle<br><br>Now included in BTO Atlas and surveys scheduled                                       |

### **Project checklist**

- Involve landowner as soon as possible to prevent them learning 'through the grapevine'
- Get advice from Biodiversity Forums
- Assess if its possible to involve schools and other young people groups e.g. ATC
- Funding possibilities:
  - PTES, Heritage Lottery Fund, Biffa, Veolia, 4<sup>th</sup> Future Friendly Awards, Essex Community Foundation, Essex Environment Trust,