

Knot in Hyde Park Committee

Wednesday, April 19, 5:30 PM

MINUTES

Meeting by Zoom opened at 5:30. W. Lane, R. Pearson, K. Moore, T. Breese and M. Walz in attendance.

Apologies: T. Pearson, F. Landrey.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 17, 2023, 5:30 PM

Wendy gave an update on correspondence with Ron and the issues at the Gamble site; including possible composting locations (across the road across the road at the town storage). The Gamble site is increasingly unworkable/useable by KiHP because it is so overgrown (we cannot be responsible for mowing this site); and unresolved piles of contaminated soils.

Mary outlined headway being made on the pilot herbicide treatment. We have a short-list of sites and have begun to speak to individual landowners. More work to do on this and draft outline of program for review at next meeting (MW to draft).

Comms Update:

- Tom to provide access link to website for updating/editing it and to create a google sheet for this season's data collection; also to continue to review how to get our digital map onto the site.
- Greenup Flyer to be prepared and handed out with bags (as last year).

Fieldwork discussion.

- Wednesday Eve KW pull will be continued at LVRT site. Need to agree the first date, which we can do at next meeting.
- At this stage everyone present agreed they would continue to look after the sites they tended last year.
- Cricket Hill site needs a strategy for this season (FL in touch with C. Whitlock).

The importance of word-of-mouth/one-on-one spreading of the word re KW was noted. It is slow, but we are finding signs of a "network": people want to do something in their town so ask us for help; people know we exist so pass on info on methods; people get in touch because they have discovered KW on their land, and want advice etc.

Meeting adjourned around 6:15 PM.