

**AGSIP Meeting
Troopers Hill, Dundry, Magpie Bottom & River Avon Trail
Tuesday 23rd August 2011**

27 Attendees

Initial discussion took place as follows:-

It was agreed that St George Park is the only real formal green space, within the NP area. Historically formal gardens have been kept up together in St Georges Park. The group were happy to use St George Park as formal space. There was no need for formal green space on any of the sites being discussed at the meeting. Although, it was felt that maybe some seats for formal use along the River Avon Trail.

DUNDRIDGE - USERS – Football teams, Dog walkers, local residents, families (picnics, exercise), older children

POSSIBLE OPTIONS – Invest in play area, benches and dog bins

The following suggestions were proposed by the group:-

Replant hedgerows at Dundry – suggested naturalized hedge which in time can also become formal naturalized gardens, which will require minimal maintenance.

Enlarge the existing pavilion car park for users. There is not enough parking especially at weekends, particularly when football is being played.

Knock down and rebuild the existing pavilion, as well as extending the car park on the pavilion site.

Do not replace or enlarge the existing play area, keep it where it is.

Currently only suitable for up to 5 years. Provide facilities for slightly older children. These should be nearer the car park.

Although teenagers currently use the site for football etc, the group did not want to encourage more teenagers, by installing a MUGA.

Improving paths and access to the woods etc. In particular focusing on the woodland area and wildlife.

Ensure there is adequate fire access (request from fire service)

Part of the group wanted to improve the path around the perimeter, but others wanted it left as it is for cosmetic purposes. any path should be natural appearance.

Some of the group expressed strong feelings that the fence along Dundry Lane should be left as it is.

Install picnic benches, but these would have to be vandal proof.

Keep bridleway in place.

The following were voted as priorities for Dunderidge (in order)

- ⤴ Car park & pavilion improvements
- ⤴ Footpath around perimeter
- ⤴ Paths through woodland and enhance nature areas
- ⤴ Concrete picnic tables
- ⤴ Play area for older children age 6 to 12

TROOPERS HILL NATURE RESERVE

Friends of Troopers Hill response to AGSP consultation formed the basis for discussion see - www.troopers-hill.org.uk/minutes/ResponseAGSP.pdf

No more formal footpaths.

Improve signage

TROOPERS HILL FIELD

Summerhill Terrace to Malvern Rd – All weather path

Improved children's play area, especially for younger children.

CREWS HOLE WOODLAND

Woodland management plan in place

Form footpath from Crews Hole Rd (nr Lamb Inn) through woodland to join existing path, formal car park to be created next to Lamb Inn.

Improve access from Crews Hole Rd onto River Avon Trail.

The group discussed issues around a proposed development along Crews Hole – warehouses & houses. Although there are no plans to improve the road, as this would increase traffic and speed.

The following were voted as priorities for the three Troopers Hill Sites (in order)

- ⤴ Path from Lamb Inn and carpark
- ⤴ Play area for young children
- ⤴ Signage to other spaces
- ⤴ Paths & entrances
- ⤴ Woodland Management
- ⤴ Path Malvern Rd to Summerhill Ter

RIVER AVON TRAIL

New litter bins (dual purpose litter & dog waste)

Vandal proof benches

Maintenance issues along the trail towards Hanham, improvements to path required

Improve signage

The following were voted as priorities for River Avon Trail (in order)

- ⤴ **Safety at road crossings / entrances**
- ⤴ **Dog waste / litter bins**
- ⤴ **Signage links to other spaces**

MAGPIE BOTTOM

Vandal proof benches

The group were all agreed on improving links and walking route to all the green spaces within the NP area.