

## Wiltshire & Swindon Local Nature Partnership

### Green Infrastructure Stakeholder Event- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012

Organised by WSLNP, Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council

#### What is the purpose/ role of the GI Working Group?

- Provide a clear focus of GI priorities across Wiltshire and Swindon
- Support Wiltshire Council- to get a GI Strategy endorsed- (need a strategic framework to guide local delivery of pilots/projects being run by local volunteers)
- Support Swindon Borough Council- to implement their framework
- Identify Project Ideas- what areas need to be prioritised? Areas of new developments?
  
- Link and engage with Neighbourhood Planning
- Support Local Action Groups, for example the Salisbury GreenSpace Initiative
- Work collaboratively with Local Communities- understand and capture their values and expectations for local green space, local heritage, etc
- Get a more even spread of community led GI work- enable communities to conduct relevant and informed work- Roll out the best practice from on-going pilots
- Inform/Advice the Board and wider partnership/other sectors- Use the Board to link up to other sectors, ensure the profile and importance of GI is raised up the agenda in other sectors
- Educate- does the normal resident understand what GI means to them living in Wiltshire and Swindon?
- Define the evidence need- coordinate development of an evidence base and provide steer- what type of analysis do we need to support/help local communities implement GI into local plans? Needs to be focussed and provide a clear rationale
- Collaboration of projects/data/networks
- Share Knowledge and Data and good practice- via a single website
- Address lack of communication between high level strategy and grass roots

#### How can the GI Working Group support the local delivery of GI?

1. Empower LNP Board to prioritise GI and ensure GI is given priority for the CIL Budget
2. Develop and support a real delivery pilot- add a function that has value to the rest of Wiltshire and Swindon- will support action at a the ground level
3. Support and enable community action- identify existing groups/frameworks, improve existing evidence base
  - Should the LNP take stewardship of Wiltshire World Changers, add back the Swindon Element?
4. Use Swindon as a Pilot- How can CIL Money be prioritised to deliver Swindon GI Strategy and restore biodiversity?
5. Develop a compelling case for delivering GI- put on 'kickstarter' web page and try to secure funding to deliver it- invite local expertise to help develop it

What specific priorities should the GI Working Group address?

**Proposal for two Task and Finish Groups:**

**1. How do we translate Swindon GI Strategy in to CIL compliant project**

Swindon Pre-submission plans for 'Swindon Local Plan' consultation- perfect time to engage- 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb- Swindon has a Duty to Cooperate with LNPs

Apply to Natural England GI Fund- inviting partnership to apply for funding to deliver GI or develop GI strategy?

**2. Enabling Communities to incorporate GI into local plans**

- a. Improve existing evidence base- to identify where the gaps are and what evidence is required to identify barriers and what GI delivery needs to be prioritised
- b. Pull out good ideas from Case Studies (eg: Plymouth)- make model that fits for Wiltshire and Swindon
- c. Identify green space- consult with local communities- what do they want from GI, what have they already got? Enable them to take forward local mapping/auditing- provide a framework to start incorporating GI into their local plans
- d. Identify resources that are needed to deliver this work

**Attendance List:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Jon Taylor	Wiltshire Council
Jonathan Wilshaw	Swindon Borough Council
Zoe Pittaway	WSLNP
Pete Barnett	RWE N Power
Ken Oliver	Canal Officer-Wiltshire Council
Mat Roberts	Head of Ecosystem Services-Landmarc Support Services
Mary Noyce	Technical Officer (Open Spaces) Wiltshire Council
Richard Burden	Landscape & Planning Advisor- Cranborne Chase & West Wilts Downs AONB
Phil Sheldrake	RSPB
Simon Smith	Cotswolds AONB
Eric Clark	Countryside Access Forum
Val Kirby	Cotswolds Canal Trust
Ali Rasey	Wiltshire Council
Nicola Liscombe	Salisbury Greenspace
Les Liscombe	Salisbury Greenspace
Matthew Millett	Cotswolds Water Park Trust
Stephen Davis	Wiltshire Wildlife Trust
Andrew Lord	North Wessex Downs AONB
Daryl Buck	Environment Agency
Michael Mounde	Chairman, Warminster & Villages Development Trust
Charles Routh	Natural England

**Apologies:**

Alistair Millington- Sustrans  
Cindy Carter- Swindon Borough Council  
Jane Yates- Natural England  
Nick Glass- Wiltshire Council