

APPENDIX 2 - INTRODUCTION

PINKHAM WAY SINC - SITE MANAGEMENT BRIEF 2014-2019

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The Council will remember that Mr Vickers' Ecological Survey of the Pinkham Way SINC, submitted in October 2013, confirmed the site's Grade 1 SINC status.

Mr Vickers made the point in the Executive summary that:

The site has high biodiversity value within the context of the local area and therefore continues to qualify as a Grade 1 SINC. However, management in the form of rotational clearance of woodland and scrub, infrequent cutting of tall ruderal vegetation and the creation of scrapes to expose areas of bare ground and wet depressions is required to maintain and enhance the biodiversity interest of the site in the long term.

In the light of Mr Vickers' comments, PWA commissioned him to produce a Site Management Brief, 2014-2019, which is in the Appendix 2 Folder.

PWA is aware that, in present and medium term economic conditions, councils do not have resources to commit to the management of a new Local Nature Reserve. Were Pinkham Way SINC to be so designated, PWA realises that the vast majority of the work would devolve on local residents under a suitable organisation such as a Community Conservation Trust.

Accordingly, PWA has invited local residents, including its own supporters, for 'in principle' expressions of interest in doing practical work on the site to put the Management Brief into effect. Xxx have given their names.

In addition, Mr Vickers has expressed his eagerness to continue his involvement with the site.

PWA would also seek advice from the numerous bodies offering specific and general guidance on site management, such as The London Wildlife Trust and London Natural History Society.

Over the period of the campaign, PWA has formed a close relationship with the small team of local residents – around a dozen - which has been responsible for the ongoing restoration of the much larger Coppetts Wood LNR, and PWA has no doubt that its own volunteers would form a large enough team effectively to protect and enhance Pinkham Way. Dr Oliver Natelson of the Coppetts Wood team has assured PWA of any advice and material support that can be offered.

Securing funding for ongoing conservation work would be essential. PWA is lucky that one of its members is a Senior Fundraising Manager at one of the major public galleries in London, who has agreed to lead this part of the group's activities. PWA would also raise funds locally.

PWA understands fully that several hurdles, not least that of ownership and the intentions of the present owners, would need to be overcome before the group it envisages comes into being.

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