

The Biodiversity Roundtable Meeting on 25th January

This proved to be a very helpful meeting with key people from a range of organisations. It will help greatly to develop the LPC biodiversity strategy and make sure that it connects but does not overlap or contradict other strategies – e.g. SCC, TDC and NT strategies.

The meeting was very well attended -

Guy Innes	Titsey Foundation
Lynsey Layton	Hazelwood school
John Thompson	Limpsfield Parish Council
Stephanie Fudge	NT general manager
Jeremy Saunders	NT – Regional Manager
Conor McNeil	NT – Limpsfield Ranger
Simon Chiles	Farmer/Agricultural consultant, Guildables
Tony Wilkinson	Farmer, Stockenden Farm
Debbie Salmon	TDC ecologist
Claire Blackwell	TDC Councillor
Naomi Prasad	Local resident
Robin Masefield	Local resident
Sophie Martin	LPC
Ann Osborn	Limpsfield Parish Council
Maggie Morgan Clist	FoLC

Sadly, Sophie Kemp had to give apologies as she had tested positive for Covid.

The agenda included a discussion about the biodiversity challenges and opportunities for organisations and groups, including farmers, larger and smaller landowners, local groups and Councils. There was a discussion about possible next steps, including quick wins, medium- and long-term inputs.

The lively debate raised many issues and the LNP approaches and contributions of a number of different organisations became much clearer.

The small LNP subgroup of Ann, Sophie (K) and Maggie and Sophie (Clerk) will further develop the LPC biodiversity strategy and take a draft to the LNP, and from there to the LPC at the March meeting.

Ann Osborn