

Notes of Environment Group Meeting, Tuesday 3 May 2022

Participants: Mike, Elaine, Anne, Chris, Nick, Monique

The following was discussed and agreed:

- The main priorities for next steps for Throstle Park are:
 1. Continue to get quotes for the pump track (from Velosolutions and Clarke and Kent) and also look for funding. Ballpark costs so far range from £60 – 100 K. Ideally the pump track should be competition grade, as that would encourage more visitors. A smaller track for younger cyclists might be good too. We should encourage local supporters, like Richard Metcalf, to help out. Velosolutions are coming to look at park in w/c 16 May. Need to arrange for Clarke and Kent to view park too.
 2. Install picnic benches next to the putting green/Jubilee tree. Ideally we should go for the best quality (good examples are those on Silloth green next to the water park, Wendy James, Silloth TC clerk, would have details). However, if buying good quality benches would take too long we should proceed to buy some cheaper ones knowing that they are unlikely to last as long (benches can be bought in Carlisle for just over £100).
 3. Do a design and continue to develop the pond. Monique can do a plan. We can try to get plants from Gosling Sike, Thursby, Watchtree. It would be good to put big stones around the pond; Lewis Messenger has some at his lockup, also Ian Lowes may have some. We need to get prices and an idea for a dipping platform.
- We need to get a price for a bin for the park, to go half way around or close to the picnic benches.
- A design for the park would be good so that we have a structure for where things should go and where things should be planted, rather than doing this haphazardly.
- We should explore the cost of putting a bridge between the park and Barton Laws. Nick will ask Gary Cannon for details.
- Next meeting 6 pm on Wednesday 8 June.