Nature & Ecology – Loulou

TOP 3 WISHES

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TOP 3 INITIATIVES

* F of F Tyning Proposal
* Talks and communications to share knowledge & skills
* Link to other existing groups and activities to encourage nature enhancement around the community.
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* Share resources such as plants and seeds and skills
* Litter picking
* Village market days (particularly in summer and autumn) to share overspill produce.
* Food growing for the village
* Involve all the village groups and bring them together (school, landowners, horticultural society, church, farmers)
* Communication – Talks to share knowledge and skills
* The Tyning proposal
* Rewilding in gardens and little parcels of land around the village.
* Link to other existing groups such as Climate Friendly Bradford on Avon. Share ideas with existing groups.
* Composting is important.

There is such a swell of deep love of natural world and a strong sense that **nature can bring people together** and deepen community.

The **Tyning plan was very enthusiastically received**. It was suggested that many people may be willing to contribute financially (as well as practically) towards the purchase of trees etc. There are rewilding opportunities, not only on the Tyning but in gardens and woodlands and other parcels of land in and around the village which can help to create wildlife corridors.

**Lots of opportunities for sharing and coming together** such as:

Volunteer groups: planting trees, litter picking, gardening.

Sharing resources (such as tools). This could be an actual hub of resources or an online list of resources that individuals are willing to share.

Sharing skills (gardening, working in nature) - by working together we learn from each other.

Sharing plants, seeds, produce - perhaps a market of some kind or be centred around the shop.

Working in nature could **extend into growing food** eg community garden and/or organic allotments.Composting - can this be done on a community level? The needs of humans and the rest of nature not mutually exclusive but interdependent and beneficially co-existing.

Opportunities for all the **existing community groups to be involved**, lots of cross-over between groups.

Churches (eco-church movement and caringforgodsacre.org.uk

School - rich learning landscapes.

Farmers.

Horticultural Society

And many other groups…

New groups might form around local ecology or beekeeping etc.

Well documented **benefits to mental health** and wellbeing from spending time in nature.

There is likely to be a wealth of knowledge and skills within our community that could be shared through **talks and workshops** (particularly related to nature and ecology). Talks that have been held so far have been very popular and well received and there seems to be a strong need to share information and ideas. Skills workshops such as “home composting to improve soil health” might be very valuable.

We can see **advice from existing groups** (such as Climate Friendly Bradford on Avon) who have experience to share on what we can do to improve the ecology here. And later sharing our experience with other locations so that ideas and experience and bet practice can be spread, community by community.