

Section 5 – Beacon Hill Nature Reserve Stewardship Group

5.1 Brighton and Hove City Council have agreed, since 8 March 2005, that they and Rottingdean Parish Council should share responsibility for the Beacon Hill Nature Reserve through a Rottingdean Parish Council Working Group. This document specifies the division of responsibilities between these organisations through the following Terms of Reference.

5.2 **Brighton and Hove City Council will retain responsibility for**

- overall management policy
- Signing Off current and future Management Plans, including the English Nature 10year Management Plan
- general management and funding of the contract for the Grass Cutting programme for whole of Brighton & Hove, including that applicable to the Beacon Hill Nature Reserve
- along with the Stewardship Group and Rottingdean Parish Council, approving any proposed environmental and other improvements
- within budgetary considerations, the funding, placing of contracts and/or provisioning of any approved environmental and other improvements
- where thought to be appropriate, with Rottingdean Parish Council, seeking lottery and other funding additional to that currently available, for special projects
- if approved by both Brighton and Hove City Council and Rottingdean Parish Council, to take action to establish appropriate byelaws

5.3 **Rottingdean Parish Council will be responsible:**

- for the administration of the Beacon Hill Nature Reserve Stewardship Group
- within budgetary considerations, to consider whether joint funding of any approved environmental and other improvements is appropriate
- where thought to be appropriate, for jointly seeking with Brighton and Hove City Council lottery and other sources of funding additional to that currently available, for special projects
- where appropriate, for advising Brighton and Hove City Council of its support or otherwise for any proposal to introduce byelaws affecting the Beacon Hill Nature Reserve

5.4 **The Beacon Hill Nature Reserve Stewardship Group will be responsible for**

- assisting the City Council in the production of current and future Management Plans
- distributing current and future Management Plans
- performing, compiling and distributing the annual Local Nature Reserve Surveys
- ensuring that no environmental and other improvements go ahead unless it has been formally approved by both Brighton and Hove City Council and Rottingdean Parish Council
- assessing proposals for environmental and other improvements (including the provision of memorial benches etc.) to the Beacon Hill Nature Reserve put forward by the Rottingdean Heritage, Ovingdean Residents & Preservation Association, Beacon Hub, Brighton and Hove City Council, The Friends of Beacon Hill, Bright or members of the public
- recommending any appropriate proposed environmental and other improvements to the Beacon Hill Nature Reserve for funding by Brighton and Hove City Council and/or Rottingdean Parish Council
- where appropriate, seeking the advice of the Brighton and Hove City Council’s Conservation Manager, and the director of the Booth Museum of Natural History
- if thought appropriate, to propose to Brighton and Hove City Council and Rottingdean Parish Council any byelaws required in support of the protection of the Beacon Hill Nature Reserve

5.5 The Beacon Hill Nature Reserve Stewardship Group will advise on day to day management.

5.6 The Beacon Hill Nature Reserve Stewardship Group aims to work in collaboration with The Friends of Beacon Hill, the Beacon Hub Brighton, the City Council and Rottingdean Parish Council for the benefit of Beacon Hill Local Nature Reserve and the public who use and enjoy it.

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Chair Rottingdean Parish Council and Chair Beacon Hill Nature Reserve Stewardship Group