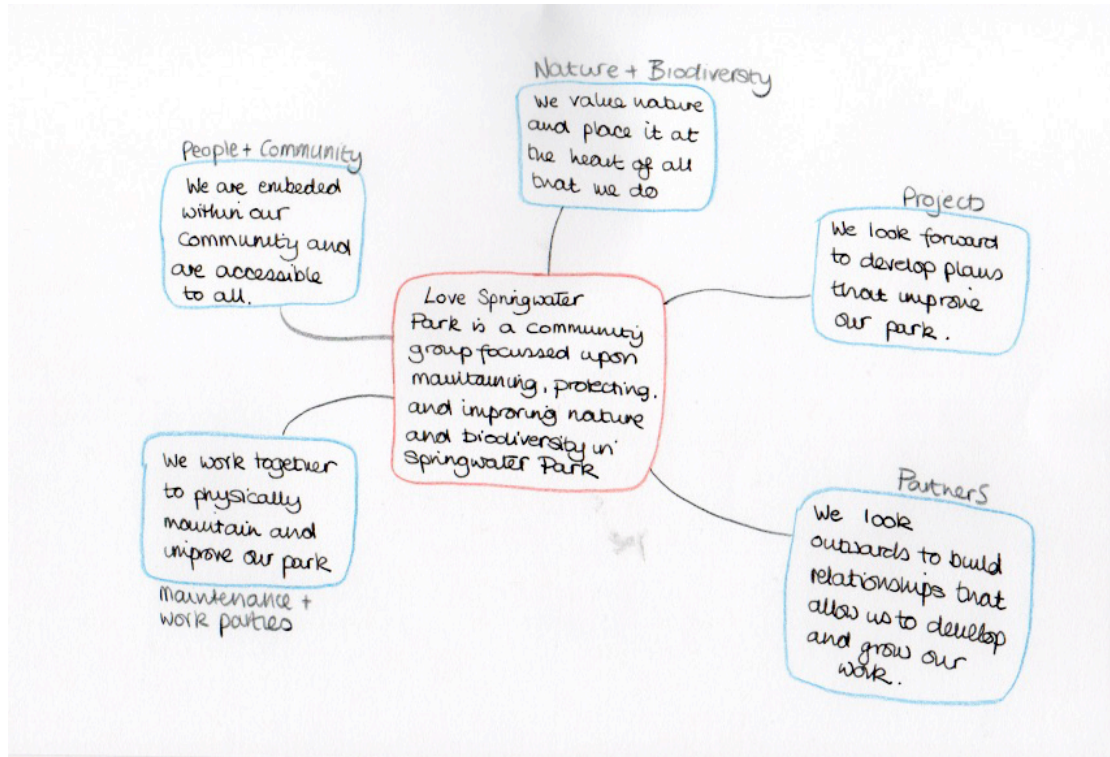


Love Springwater Park

Project Plan

23rd March 21

These ideas have been compiled as a result of two planning meetings, which took place in February and March 2021.



Who we are:

Love Springwater Park is a group founded in 2016 by local residents who have come together to improve and maintain the park. We do this by:

- Running regular work sessions to ensure that the park is maintained for the benefit of the local community, and nature.
- Hosting a range of events in the park so that people can better understand its ecology and history.
- Working in partnership with key stakeholders and partners to ensure that the future of the park is secure.

What is our focus?

- Nature is the overarching focus for everything that we do.
- Our work falls into five themes: **Maintenance and Work Parties, People and Community, Nature and Biodiversity, Projects, Partners.**
- We would like the park to become a local nature reserve so the work that we do works towards fulfilling the criteria to do that.

- For each project or activity we ask : how does this benefit and support nature in the park?

How do we work?

- People enjoy the diversity and enjoyment of the group. They also enjoy being able to get involved in lots of different things. It is important that this informality is maintained going forward.
- Our group is open to all and meets every four to six weeks.
- Meetings are publicised to members and also by email and social media.
- The agenda of each meeting is structured around our five themes.
- Our Work Party Co-ordinator takes the lead on *Maintenance and Work Parties*.
- For the other themes, there is no specific lead person – instead people pick up and lead different projects based upon personal interest.
- Each meeting is an opportunity to feed back upon different projects and also to develop new ideas and areas of work

Potential projects that we would like to explore / develop over the coming year.

Maintenance and Work Parties

S = projects that could be tackled now

M = medium term projects that would need more planning

L = longer term projects which are more complicated and would involve significant planning

Main Focus:

Woodland management S

Invasive plant management S

Maintain and improve paths S / M

Litter Picking S

Other Projects:

Spraying kit and training M

River clean up M

People and Community

Main Focus:

Work with schools and colleges M

Seasonal walks, talks and events for community and families S

Work with youth groups M

Other Projects:

Children's activities eg Forest School M

Health and Wellbeing events eg social prescribing M

Community promotion / publicity S

Art groups M

Nature and Biodiversity

Main Focus:

Maintain, improve and protect habitats S / M

Work towards becoming a local nature reserve M / L

Other Projects:

Expert input / ecology audit, species protection, tree planting, hides, wildlife cameras, discourage mass dog walking, retain floodplain and reduce erosion.

Projects

Main Focus:

Improve and maintain paths as well as open up new ones S / M

Lay out History Trail M

Local Nature Reserve M / L

Other Projects:

River footbridge, clear footprint of Springwater House, running Track, build a hide, develop habitats, entrance road resurface, Sailor Brow, stepping stones, improved access for all

Partners

Main Focus:

Youth organisations S

Schools S

Wildlife charities / trusts M

Mersey Rivers Trust M

City of Trees M

Other Projects:

Social prescribers / well being organisations, other local nature reserves, dog walkers, Bury Council.