CNL Work Programme 2022/23

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| BUSINESS PLANNING | | | | | | | | |
| Develop and produce the 3-Year Business Plan Framework 2023-26 | AP | All | Mar-23 | Framework adopted by the Board in February 2023 | | | | |
| Develop and produce the Management Plan 2023-28 | AP | SS | Feb-23 | New version adopted by the Board in February 2023 and published May 2023 | | | | |
| Landscapes Review | АР | AP, SS | Sep-22 | Government's final response received and appropriate actions/ priorities built into both the Business Plan and the Management Plan | | | | |
| Workplace Strategy | AP | AP | Mar-23 | Secured a high standard and flexible office and meeting space for the team | | | | |
| SUPPORT SERVICES | | • | | | | | | |
| Property Management | AP | MP | Mar-23 | Ensure the leased areas meet the conditions as detailed in the lease | | | | |
| IT Strategy | AP | MP | Mar-23 | Deliver milestones 3-5 from the roadmap, i.e. data migrated to MS SharePoint, new backup solutions, loan server decommissioned, Cyber Essentials certified | | | | |
| Review, simplify and update the Board Constitution | AW | tbc | Mar-23 | Required changes identified and the Constitution reviewed for accuracy (e.g. references), simplified, reformatted and made more accessible | | | | |
| Develop a Finance 'manual' | AW | DM, MP | Mar-23 | Key finance team tasks and processes documented to demonstrate the internal control environment and to increase team resilience | | | | |
| Introduce monthly cash-flow forecasting | AW | AW | Mar-23 | Monthly cash flow forecasts developed to benefit future year reporting | | | | |
| PARTNERSHIPS AND FUNDRAISING | | | | | | | | |
| Grow the support base and increase the profile of the Caring for the Cotswolds visitor giving grant scheme | JW | JW, AH | Dec-22 | Increased membership due to enhanced promotional activities; positive PR through promotion of flagship projects | | | | |
| Sculpture Trail 2023 | JW | JW, AP, AH | Sep-22 | Detailed funding model and project plan in place; Executive Committee approval | | | | |
| Continue to build relationships with funders - trusts, donors, corporates, etc. | JW | JW, AP | Mar-23 | Review of relevant local, regional and national funders with introductions made and funding applications submitted, as appropriate. | | | | |
| Report back to the current funders of the Rural Skills and Young People project and the Everyone's Evenlode project | JW | JW, EB, RM, RR, RW- J | Sep-22 | Provide accurate and timely reports that showcase our work and build progressive partnerships for the future | | | | |
| Review options for installing the new CNL logo in current and new boundary marker locations | JW | JW, AH | Mar-23 | Support the Wardens to complete the comprehensive review; have a blue-print for Parish and Town Councils to update the logo; seek funding for implementation | | | | |
| COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT | | | | | | | | |
| Develop a funding and delivery plan for the national Arts in the Landscape strategy | АН | AH, JW, Andy Graham | Mar-23 | Have a clear plan in place for the Cotswolds, with potential funders identified and bid/s submitted. | | | | |
| Promote the Platinum Jubilee Voluntary Warden guided walks | АН | AH, RJ, Mike Cripps | Sep-22 | Number of walks / number of walk attendees / social media engagement / number of visits to guided walks page / participant feedback | | | | |
| Co-ordinate CNL attendance at the Moreton Show 2022 | АН | MC, SB, HS, AF, RM, RR, RW-J | Sep-22 | Ensure the CNL brand is well represented, alongside the key themes of FiPL, Glorious Cotswold Grasslands and Everyone's Evenlode | | | | |
| Schedule the national 'moments' into the CNL social calendar | АН | АН | Mar-23 | Planned social media calendar to incorporate national moments/ weeks, e.g. volunteering, into the overall CNL social media activity | | | | |

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| Three existing projects deliver to schedule: the National Trust Lodge Park proposal | | | | | | |
| Deliver the Landscape Enhancement Initiative (National Grid) | SS | SS | Mar-23 | gains approval and delivery starts | | |
| Influence planning policy | JM | JM | Mar-23 | (1) % of high priority local plan consultations responded to (N.B. 'High priority' = issues and options, preferred options, pre-submission and main modifications (or equivalent)); target = 75%. (2) Local Plan consultation responses to promote delivery of Cotswold Nature Recovery Plan, where appropriate | | |
| Influence development management | JM | SJ | Mar-23 | % of development management applications that we object to for which the local authority refuses permission or for which the application is withdrawn. Target = 60% | | |
| Fulfil obligations of being a statutory consultee (in anticipation of the Government implementing statutory consultee status for AONBs, as proposed in the Landscapes Review) | JM | SJ | Mar-23 | % of pro-active development management consultations that are above our primary consultation thresholds for which we provide a substantive response by the original deadline. Target = 60-79% | | |
| Review Neighbourhood Planning Position Statement | JM | JM, SJ | Mar-23 | Updated Neighbourhood Planning Position Statement adopted | | |
| LAND MANAGEMENT | | | | | | |
| Continue to grow knowledge of Environmental Land Management (ELM), representing the organisation at both a National and Cotswolds level | МС | MC | Mar-23 | Positive dialogue and engagement with Defra/Protected Landscapes ELM Group | | |
| Finalise allocation of Rail Corridor Enhancement Project funds and conclude Cotswolds Champions Programme | МС | SB | Mar-23 | Number of RCEP supported projects/grant allocated and claimed. Cotswolds Champions projects completed and programme closed | | |
| Respond to consultations on land management proposals, inc. Woodland and Natural Flood Management. | MC | MC | Mar-23 | Responses submitted and recorded as required | | |
| Continue engagement with the Thames Water 'Smarter Catchment' project in the Evenlode catchment | MC | MC, JW | Mar-23 | Smarter Catchment projects are in line with the AONB Management Plan and guidance and help deliver priorities. Grassland/meadow restoration project included. | | |
| Prepare and publish guidance for woodland creation and tree planting | MC | MC | Aug-22 | Guide published on the website and promoted to farmers, land managers, foresters, agents, etc. | | |
| FARMING IN PROTECTED LANDSCAPES | | | | | | |
| Grant allocation | MC | FEOs, CR | Mar-23 | Year 2 grant budget is fully allocated across a diverse range/ type/ geography | | |
| Grant claims | MC | FEOs, CR | Mar-23 | Year 2 grant claims made are timely and accurate | | |
| Programme reporting | MC | FEOs, CR | Mar-23 | Monthly, quarterly and annual reporting to Defra submitted to a high standard | | |
| NATURE RECOVERY | | | | | | |
| Communicate the messages of the Nature Recovery Plan to secure policy improvements and delivery | SS | SS | Mar-23 | Engagement with the six Local Nature Recovery Strategy processes and support the development of nature recovery proposals | | |
| Continue to support the Cotswolds Nature Recovery Forum | SS | SS | Mar-23 | 2+ meetings per annum. Membership 70+ individuals, 35+ organisations. | | |
| Continue to facilitate the Big Chalk programme | SS | SS | Mar-23 | Completed consultancy, extended partnership and refined geography; project funding proposals submitted, including NLHF EOI | | |
| Deliver the first year of post-Esmee Fairbairn Foundation funding of the Glorious Cotswold Grassland programme | SS | HS, AF | Mar-23 | Combine earned income with additional funding streams to deliver a financially and operationally sustainable programme. Restore 50ha of wildflower grassland | | |

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| CLIMATE CHANGE The best living assessment of the CNU consideration from the time from | | | | | | | | |
| Carbon Baseline Assessment | AP | NZLO | Jun-22 | The baselining assessment of the CNL completed and recommendations for potential action articulated | | | | |
| Stakeholder engagement and understanding | АР | NZLO | Mar-23 | Thorough understanding of external partners priorities and ambitions; start to build consensus for compatible climate solutions | | | | |
| Review Renewable Energy Position Statement | JM | JM, NZLO | Oct-22 | Updated Renewable Energy Position Statement adopted at October Board | | | | |
| Target setting | AP | NZLO | Mar-23 | Achievable target set to meet the CNL climate crisis commitment; targets incorporated into the Management Plan 2023-28 | | | | |
| RURAL SKILLS | Incorporated into the Management Plan 2023-28 | | | | | | | |
| Remodelled core programme | JW | EB | Jun-22 | A focused core programme with fewer dates to increase fill rates; a blend of in-house and external instructor led courses to increase profitability | | | | |
| Sustainable programme of outreach work (focusing on young people) | JW | EB | Mar-23 | Funding allocated to maximise the learning outcomes for children and young people; additional grant funding opportunities identified | | | | |
| Commercial delivery | JW | EB | Mar-23 | Opportunities to deliver higher end corporate events and tourism experiences are taken and surpluses used to fund future outreach work | | | | |
| Financially sustainable programme | JW | EB | Mar-23 | Greater focus and continued funding ensures that the programme positively contributes to the organisation's overall financial position | | | | |
| TRAILS AND ACCESS | | | | | | | | |
| Deliver improvements to the Cotswold Way National Trail | RJ | RJ, ND | Mar-23 | Completion of surface improvements at Chipping Campden with additional funding sourced, including Robert Welch contribution; completion of surface and drainage improvements at Stanton and north of Bath | | | | |
| Deliver access improvements for mobility scooters | RJ | RJ, ND, VWs | Mar-23 | Dependant on funding, install two new routes at Stinchcombe and Lansdown; work with South Wardens district to identify and promote additional disability routes | | | | |
| Produce a schools educational resource based on the Cotswold Way | RJ | ND, AH, RJ | Mar-23 | Completion of the second stage of the project to provide whiteboard material and teachers notes for lessons based on the Cotswold Way | | | | |
| Promote access in the Bath area and produce 18 additional routes for the Bathscapes access project | RJ | ND | Mar-23 | Promotion of the Circuit of Bath; guided walks led throughout the year to promote walking around Bath; identification and creation of 18 new routes around Bath for a variety of audiences | | | | |
| Complete the Cotswolds Riders Way | RJ | SS | Dec-22 | Create a cycling route parallel to the Cotswold Way. | | | | |
| EVERYONE'S EVENLODE | | | | | | | | |
| Develop a pilot project for River Schools | JW | RM & RWJ | Dec-22 | Detailed feedback from participating schools used to create educational offering | | | | |
| Pilot Duke of Edinburgh at Marlborough School | JW | RM & RWJ | Dec-22 | Regular monthly working party at Combe Mill (Blenheim Palace) to restore habitats adjacent to the river | | | | |
| Hold a teacher training day, graduate PGCE programme | JW | RM & RWJ | Dec-22 | Oxford University Geography PGCE students to undertake training at Combe Mill from September 2022 | | | | |
| Organise a river community day | JW | RR & RWJ | Sep-22 | Delivered in conjunction with Charlbury LND | | | | |
| Set up Combe Mill habitat restoration volunteer group | JW | RR & RWJ | Jul-22 | Volunteers regularly working on Combe Mill habitat restoration projects | | | | |
| VOLUNTEERS | | | | | | | | |
| Produce an organisation-wide Volunteering Policy | RJ | RJ, Publica | Jun-22 | Volunteering Policy written and presented for adoption at the June board | | | | |
| Produce a Volunteers Handbook | RJ | RJ, VWs | Sep-22 | Volunteers handbook to be distributed to wardens and uploaded to wardens area of the website | | | | |
| Organise and deliver the Volunteers Conference | RJ | RJ, VWs | Jun-22 | Farming and tourism themed conference at the Royal Agricultural University | | | | |
| Produce a Queen's Platinum Jubilee programme of guided walks | RJ | RJ, VWs | Sep-22 | A programme of royal themed guided walks from June to August | | | | |