MANAGEMENT PLAN for Nov 25 to Mar 26

Maintenance of Saplings

We as a group have not done any vegetation work at Lakewood since March 2023, and since then Saplings of willow, sycamore, Cherry laurel and Rhododendrons have sprung up all over the site of Lakewood.

We hope to have a Public Task day when we can remove Saplings no greater than 4 inches in diameter at the stump, from across the site. We will pile up the cuttings on the 2 sites where previous cuttings have been placed since we were no longer given permission to hold a controlled fire on site to burn the cuttings.

Please see map showing areas of the worst sapling growth and these are the areas we want to tackle first.

If permission is granted for a controlled fire, early in jan or feb it will not be a public event and only carried out by members of the group, the fire brigade will be notified of the time of the start of the fire and notified when the fire is out, at no time will the fire be left unattended.

We hope to cut the saplings soon while a few leaves are left on saplings for identification.

All Task days will have a briefing before we start on health and safety and to make sure proper equipment is worn and used correctly.

Dredging from concrete slip way

We have held 27 dredging Task days since we started without incident and we hope to run our next one the same. Using our unique dredger, we will dredge from the concrete slipway moving further out into the lake as we go and piling the arisings on the area indicated on the map, we will de-litter the arisings and seed the area once finished.

A risk assessment will be done before and after the event, we do like to keep dredging days separate from other task days. See map.

Willow left of old bench

This willow was pollard 8 years ago to a stump, as with all willows regular maintenance is necessary to control them from growing out of control. We only hope to remove a few branches that can no longer support their our weight as indicated on the picture in red, and map of location.

REED BARRIER MAINTENACE

Our reed bed in front of the brick inlet needs some care and attention, the internal banks need clearing of brambles etc that are encroaching into the reed beds and some plants that are not reeds need removing. The silt trap needs to be emptied and the slit inside the reed barrier needs topping up and reeds moved around. This work will be undertaken by the group its self and no need for a public task day.

SOLAR Panel on floating island

We want to remove and store the solar panel on the floating island for the winter, this can be re installed around the start of April 2026 when the fish start spawning again and oxygen levels start to drop.

This Management Plan is a sub plan of our major Management Plan.