Increasing tree cover in Oxfordshire

Our aim is to devise and implement a single unified plan to optimising tree cover in Oxfordshire, to ensure the protection and improvement of Oxfordshire's woods and trees, and that all parties with an interest in land management and nature recovery in Oxfordshire can actively support and participate in. Ideally the plan will have nationwide application.

The project will be initially conducted through a participatory GIS mapping exercise designed to reflect the wider challenge of both economic interests and maximising biodiversity and reducing species loss through supporting nature's recovery. The guiding principle of the project will be to propose the planting or natural regeneration of the right trees in the right place, whilst recognising other land use priorities such as maintaining diverse natural habitats, agriculture, housing and other key considerations.

Participation in the mapping project is designed to be collaborative, bring together the diverse and high quality knowledge base in Oxfordshire and reflect the interests of as many stakeholders as possible

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

We see this project as progressing in a number of key stages between now and summer 2020:

1. We will first consult all the organisations with an interest in Oxfordshire's land use and how it impacts on tree planting to encourage their participation in the project. The form below is the fast step.

2. We will gather information on all available datasets that might be included in the GIS mapping project so that we can understand where trees might best be planted, and of what type.

3. We will bring together all organisations willing to actively participate in the project to seek their views on the relative significance of the datasets and how they might each be applied. From this session, we will develop a set of key variables that will determine the extent of tree cover that could realistically be achieved under different conditions.

4. We will commission a GIS mapping company to produce a spatial analysis that utilises these key data sets and that takes account of the variables we develop. (See https://www.giperspective.co.uk/case-study/location-analysis-gis-software-tool-e4tech/ for an example of how this can work).

5. We will bring organisations together a second time to present our results for assessment and to agree a final proposal. This is likely to include the kind of policies that will need to be implemented to make our proposals viable.

6. We will present our conclusions to the national tree champion Sir William Worsley and encourage him to adopt the proposals we have evolved for Oxfordshire, for use nationally.

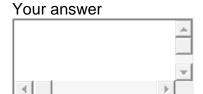7. We will actively lobby for the adoption of our proposals.

ABOUT YOU

Your Name *

Your answer

Your Organisation *

Your answer
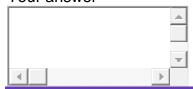
Your Job Title *

Your answer

Your Email Address *

Your answer

Your Phone Number

Your answer

Please explain briefly the work your organisation is undertaking that impacts on tree cover in Oxfordshire (max 150 words)* *

Your answer

Please provide a brief overview of where your organisation stands on increasing tree cover in Oxfordshire. Would you support a doubling of cover? (max 200 words): *

Your answer

Please choose your preferred level of participation in this project (select all that apply): *

I am not interested

I would like to contribute information to the mapping process

I would like to attend events associated with this project

Please keep me informed by adding me to your email list

I would be interested to join the steering group for this project

Other:

Please explain your interest in this project (max 150 words):

Your answer

Please let us know the nature of the contribution your organisation can make to this project (select all that apply):* *

I would like to ensure that my views on land use and what trees to plant where to be represented.

I can supply information on appropriate land uses.
I know of other organisations that I think should be consulted
Other:

Please expand on your organisation's potential contribution here:
Your answer

Please provide any internet references to your work, if available
Please supply Internet addresses:
Your answer

Would you be open to advising on the datasets we might use for the mapping project? *
Yes
No
Maybe
Other:

GDPR Consent *
I consent to the information here provided being used by the Oxfordshire Woodlands Project to further its aims. I am aware that this may include the information I have provided being shared with other organisations participating in the project. I understand that Oxfordshire Woodlands Project may also wish to publicise or promote my work in the context of the project as whole, but will not do so without seeking my specific consent first.
I consent
I do not consent

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