

Bishops Wood Country Park

Summary of Proposals 2012-2017

General Proposals

Widen rides, with undulating edges to encourage wild flowers & butterflies

Programme of opening up / recutting of selected veteran coppiced trees

Eradicate invasive exotic species

Open up along water courses, retaining some shade to protect rare species. Restore pond.

Install welcome signs

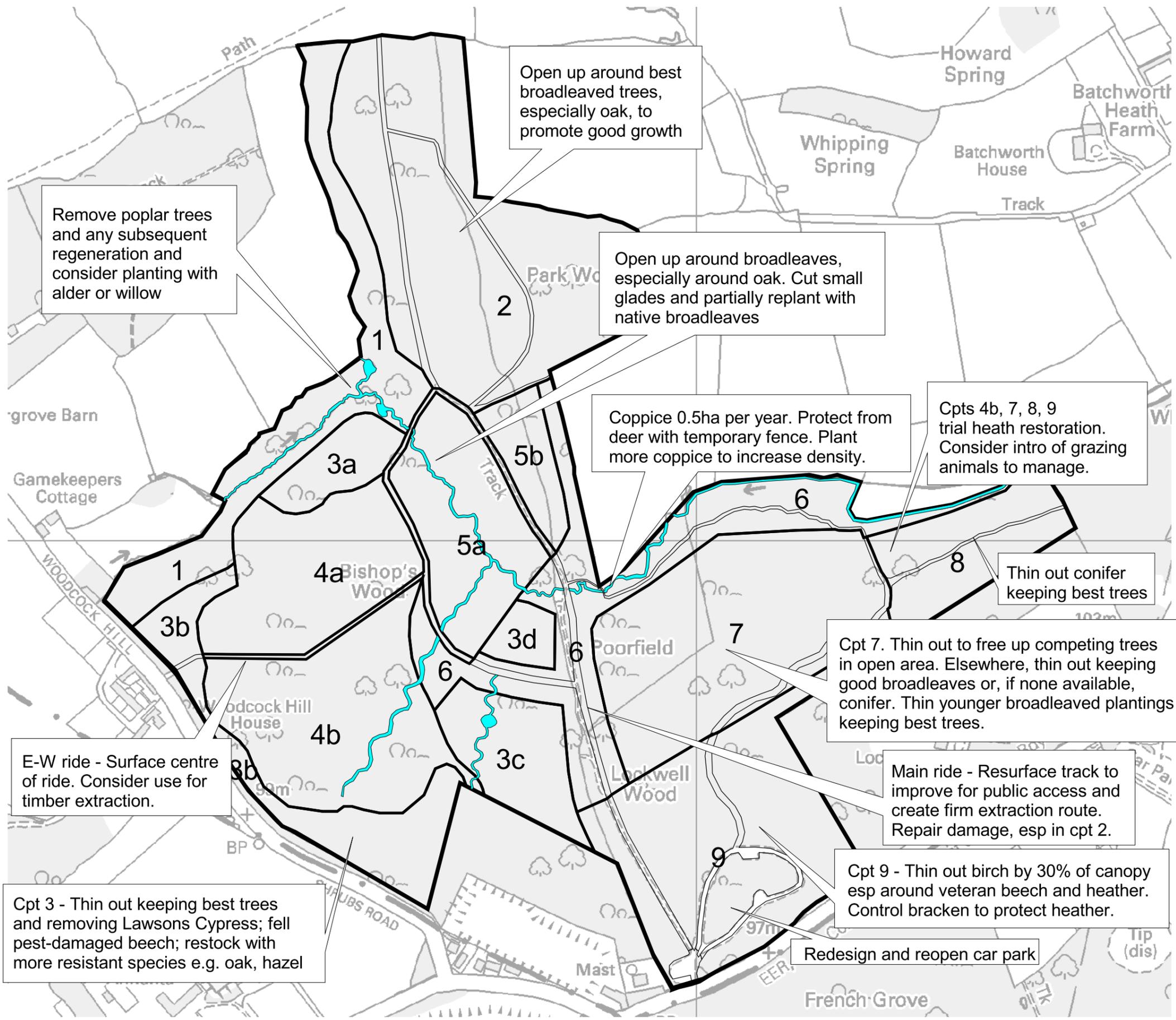
Upgrade access furniture

Replace interpretation with new including info on restoration plans

Formalise arrangements for route of London LOOP incl links to PROW

Review and consider extending access for horse riders and introduce riders code of conduct.

Maximise opportunities for public participation in woodland management



Remove poplar trees and any subsequent regeneration and consider planting with alder or willow

Open up around best broadleaved trees, especially oak, to promote good growth

Open up around broadleaves, especially around oak. Cut small glades and partially replant with native broadleaves

Coppice 0.5ha per year. Protect from deer with temporary fence. Plant more coppice to increase density.

Cpts 4b, 7, 8, 9 trial heath restoration. Consider intro of grazing animals to manage.

Thin out conifer keeping best trees

Cpt 7. Thin out to free up competing trees in open area. Elsewhere, thin out keeping good broadleaves or, if none available, conifer. Thin younger broadleaved plantings keeping best trees.

Main ride - Resurface track to improve for public access and create firm extraction route. Repair damage, esp in cpt 2.

Cpt 9 - Thin out birch by 30% of canopy esp around veteran beech and heather. Control bracken to protect heather.

Redesign and reopen car park

E-W ride - Surface centre of ride. Consider use for timber extraction.

Cpt 3 - Thin out keeping best trees and removing Lawsons Cypress; fell pest-damaged beech; restock with more resistant species e.g. oak, hazel

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