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Consultation on Woodland Management Plan for New England Wood

New England Wood Trust is in the final stages of producing a 10-Year Woodland Management Plan (WMP) for New England Wood. The Trust is planning to submit the draft WMP to the Forestry Commission before the end of October 2023.

We understand that as part of this process we should consult with our Parish Councils. I enclose the Vision and Objectives from our WMP for the attention of Cuckfield Parish Council; I am also sending these to Ansty and Staplefield Parish Council. We have been advised by the Forestry Commission that our WMP does not necessarily have to be considered at a meeting of the Parish Council.

This WMP builds on the previous plans the Trust has produced taking into account the ash felling required for safety due to ash dieback. These plans have in the past and will in the future direct the work carried out in the wood. For the first time the WMP is in the format required by the Forestry Commission, it is a long document (running to over sixty pages including appendices and maps) which is why we are only sending you the high-level Vision and Objectives.

We look forward to hearing from the Parish Council and answering any questions you may have.

Kind regards,

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