

## **An Action Plan for FoSOS**

FoSOS has now been in existence for two and a half years and has taken part in habitat restorations, guided walks and litter clean-ups. The energy of FoSOS was diverted for a significant period of time in opposing the selling of Stockwood's Green Spaces by Bristol City Council, but the group's main work at the moment is to restore an orchard within Stockwood Open Space. There is also to be an 'Apple Press' day on 16<sup>th</sup> October to give information about the orchard and to promote FoSOS.

FoSOS has now reached the stage where it needs to actively manage the work that it does across all the Open Spaces in Stockwood and it is useful to remind ourselves that the objects of the Association are 'to promote the maintenance, protection, and enhancement of the informal public open spaces of Stockwood for the mutual benefit of both wildlife and people'.

### **Recommendations**

For immediate agreement:

- All planning, consideration of external requests and actions taken on behalf of FoSOS must be agreed by the full committee of FoSOS. This may be through ordinary meetings, special meetings or by email.
- Tools that can be used for clearance of overgrown areas and for pruning should be purchased as soon as possible and stored for the use of all FoSOS members.
- Equipment and resources should be purchased that will enable FoSOS to develop and maintain a strong presence in the community at public events and for general publicity.

Medium-term (three to six months):

- Organisations and businesses willing to provide community support in the form of continuing the work of making the orchard accessible and productive be identified and a programme of work be put into place; this may include local businesses but also e.g. youth groups, AWT, BCTV
- Committee members should be asked to identify their main areas of interest in what FoSOS could do in the future and take a lead on one or more issues; ordinary members with specific interests and/or areas of expertise can be asked to join working groups where appropriate
- Links to be made with external organisations which are similar to FoSOS or can facilitate and support some of our work; this includes inviting external speakers and visiting other groups.

Long-term

- Committee members produce long-term plans on the issues they are leading on with regular reports on progress being made at committee meetings
- Where appropriate funding applications can be put together to support particular projects identified by the committee
- Planned activities are publicised every two months for up to six months in advance; information will be on the website, but also available in leaflet form for distribution to the library, community centres etc.