

# **Kelbrook & Sough Neighbourhood Plan – Project Proposal**

## **Ancient Woodland Identification and Registration**

31/01/2019

### Justification

At present there is no record of the ancient woodland (that which existed as woodland before 1600) in the parish of Kelbrook & Sough. To assist in determining preferred development land, green space and conservation areas within Kelbrook & Sough there would be great benefit in having an understanding of the ancient woodland within the parish.

### Proposal

1. to register with the Woodland Trust those areas of woodland which are Ancient Woodland.
2. To create a legacy database which may be owned and made publicly available under the auspices of the Parish Council as a local asset.

### Outline Process

1. Produce a comprehensive project plan
2. From the 1848 OS Survey identify wooded areas which still exist.
3. Using Hooper's rule, as modified by the Woodland Trust for upland woodland by using upland indicator wild plant species, identify the areas which are Ancient Woodland
4. For those areas not shown as significant on the 1848 OS Map use Hooper's rule to further identify any Ancient Woodland areas.
5. Photograph identified area and illustrate on reference map.
6. Verify with the Woodland Trust
7. Register with the Woodland Trust
8. Show Ancient Woodland areas on the Parish Council web site.

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Agreed by Steering Committee on: