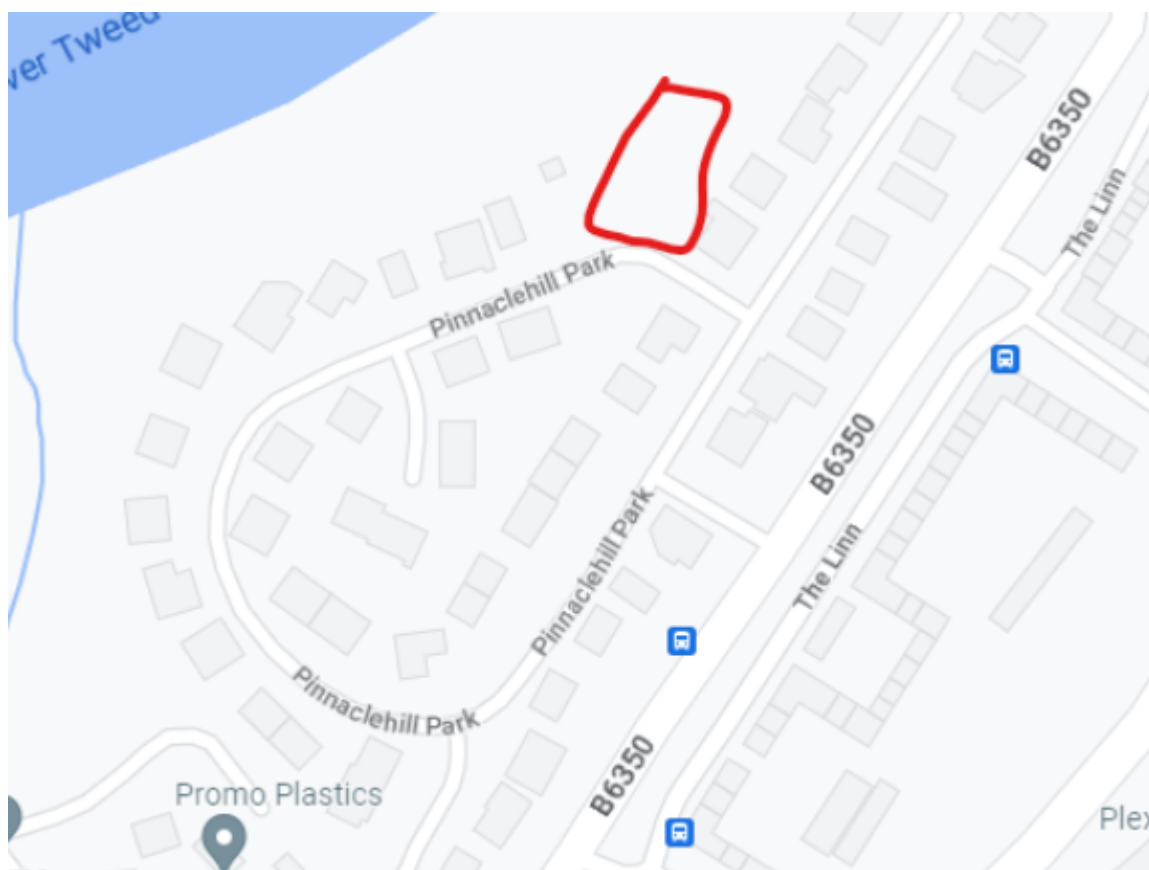


Pinnaclehill Park Orchard

Back Ground

A group of residents within Pinnaclehill Park would like to develop the small area of Common Good land currently designated as the “play area”. The land is currently grass which is cut twice a year, with no play equipment (never has been any), with a path at one edge which gives access to the riverside walk (map of land below). The purpose of the project is to turn the current space into a community orchard with a strong emphasis on increasing the use of the space and the biodiversity of the site. Benches would also provide a space for residents to meet and interact with each other.



Step so far

Engagement has been undertaken over the last couple of months with the following individuals and groups.

- Emma Husband – Community Engagement Officer – to identify other local groups and possible funding sources.
- Amy Alcorn – Greenspace Programme Officer - to check the proposals fitted with the Council’s objectives, discuss options, and find out how similar projects/groups work. Also, for ideas on how to engage with residents to promote the project.
- Residents – a open meeting was held on site, on Saturday 10th June, with invites to every household with Pinnaclehill Park to discuss the idea and gain an understanding of the level of interest or concerns of the scheme. The

meeting was attended by 8 households and emails/notes of support from a further 7 households within the scheme. Possible plans and ideas were discussed and volunteers gained to help take the project and group forward. All residents who directly back onto the land have been consulted and all are fully supportive.

The draft plans and information discussed at the meetings are attached for information.

Next Steps

To enable the project to progress the following next steps will be completed:

1. Apply to Kelso Common Good Committee for approval to use/access the land and agree legal requirements
2. Establish a formal constitution for the group and appoint office bearers
3. Submit update to Common Good Committee in Sept 2023.
4. Establish bank accounts
5. Identify possible funding options
6. Submit grant applications
7. Complete works

Before we do any further work on project we thought it would be good to understand if the Common Good Committee was agreeable to the principal of the idea subject to legal and funding considerations.