CARE Group – Conroyd Wood Project

The CARE Group approached Groundwork South Yorkshire - a charity that helps with environmental works - to see if they could help with the development of Phase 1 the footpath. The came and viewed the site and met with some CARE members.

Phase 1 is about 120m long form the far bridge to wars the Cone Lane entrance. They have said that they can helps build the path to the same standard as the on the recreation ground side. It does not include the stench with the steep embankment - this would be in Phase 2 - we are looking at 2020 to complete that phase 2.

The overall cost will be £3950.

Silkstone CARE Group already has £2350 earmarked towards it - so their is a shortfall of £1600. CARE is happy to make a further £800 contribution (50% of the shortfall) and wanted to know if the Parish Council can match fund the other £800.

We have decided to approach Groundwork for a number of reasons:

1) the have expertise in building footpaths and have given us advice about some of the technical issues (root avoidance, drainage and cambers)
2) they have the equipment which will include a small digger
3) they involve out of work youngsters (alongside CARE volunteers and other youngsters we involve) in their work
4) Most active CARE members are now retired and unable to do much of the heavier work involved. Some are also currently undergoing convalescence from various illnesses - nothing too serious at this stage.
5) We need to spend our allocated funds or we will loose them.
6) We will have time to undertake more fundraising for Phase 2 now we know what is involved.