

# Brief for a bridge in Shave Wood

... a parallel and simultaneous brief to Article 25's: for a real bridge to be made in Sussex:

## CONTEXT:

The wood: see Background Notes

Location: somewhere around the deepest part of the gully (see Site Plan)

(Why is there a gully? - probably an ancient 'hollow way')

## BRIEF

Make a useable crossing over the gully at an appropriate point, using only nearby timber and other natural resources.

Materials: OK to use more than one tree- but consider the impact of cutting more. Available nearby is: chestnut, Scots pine, Corsican pine (thinnings). (and clay, rock, clay pigeon shards).

Clear gully bottom nearby and remove waste/brush to habitat piles or 'dead hedge' along boundary.

## CONSIDER:

Structure: perhaps not a great challenge but how it is acting?

Material: make most of the particular characteristics of different species, sizes of timber; every action has a consequence- how to maximise the long term benefit, its sustainability?

Construction method: appropriateness to the materials and tools available, skills & time available.

Durability: how to make it last? Will it just decay or could it improve/live?

Safety v Risk: how safe should it be (for small children etc), and how much challenge and jeopardy is appropriate?

What could it create that is more than just a crossing?

- creating a place of special character, dramatize the topography perhaps?
- a place to linger, sit, shelter, observe/hide, play, climb, make music?
- how will it affect the 'anatomy' and use of the wood- paths , views etc
- what can the gully be? - animal track, path, could it catch water to create a pond?

Make the most of the process- particularly what it means to work and camp in the wood, and experience together as a team...

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