

Natural Cambridgeshire Board meeting	12/1/16
	10.00am – 12.00
	Held at the Wildlife Trust BCN's Countryside Centre, Gt Fen, Ramsey.

Chaired by:	Richard Astle (Chair)	Note taker:	Philip Clark (Coordinator)
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Attendees:	<i>Richard Astle (RA)</i> <i>Oliver Burke</i> <i>Phil Clark (PC)</i> <i>Mary Sanders (MS)</i> <i>Roger Mitchell (RM)</i> <i>John Torlesse</i> <i>David Whiles (DW)</i> <i>Edmund Thornhill (ET)</i> <i>Cllr Matthew Shuter</i> <i>David Hoccom</i> <i>Lawrence Wragg</i> <i>Carly Leonard</i> <i>Katy Anderson</i> <i>Cameron Adams</i>	<i>Chair</i> <i>Vice Chair</i> <i>LNP Coordinator</i> <i>Local Access Forum</i> <i>Cambridgeshire Conservation Forum</i> <i>Natural England</i> <i>Health Watch Peterborough</i> <i>CLA/Thornhill Estates</i> <i>Cambridgeshire County Council</i> <i>RSPB</i> <i>Council for the Protection for Rural England</i> <i>Peterborough Environment City Trust</i> <i>Countryside & Landowners Association</i> <i>Environment Agency</i>
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Apologies	<i>Aidan Lonerghan</i> <i>Mark Carey</i> <i>Cllr Nigel North</i> <i>Chris Soans</i> <i>Kirsten Bennett</i> <i>Matthew Bradbury</i> <i>Rob Wise</i> <i>Martin Baker</i>	<i>Natural England</i> <i>Natural England</i> <i>Peterborough City Council</i> <i>National Trust</i> <i>Cambridgeshire ACRE</i> <i>Nene Park Trust</i> <i>National Farmers Union</i> <i>Wildlife Trust BCN</i>
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Minutes

Agenda Item: 1	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Presenter:	RA
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Discussion:	<p>A welcome was made to new members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carly Leonard, Chief Executive of Peterborough Environment City Trust - Lawrence Wragg, Deputy Chair, CPRE Cambridgeshire <p>RA - gave some introductory words on how 2016 should be a year for delivery and we need to make sure that we start to focus our energy on achieving our agenda.</p>
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Action Items:	Person Responsible	Deadline:

Agenda Item: 2	Minutes of last meeting	Presenter:	RA
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Discussion:	
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There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

Action Items:		Person Responsible:	Deadline:

Agenda item: 3	Cambridge City Deal – Tanya Sheridan, Programme Director, Cambridge City Deal	Presenter:	TS
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Discussion:	
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Tanya Sheridan gave a background on the City Deal and its current project work. The opportunity for potential of better collaborative/cooperative work was discussed. Including; The Chisholm Trail and Cambridge to Cambourne bus routes.

RA gave an overview of the LNP main themes; building with nature, which has a good response from developers. Naturally Healthy; how we use the natural environment for improving physical and mental health. State of nature report which will give us a better picture of what and where our nature is in the County.

Asked whether City Deal could be represented on the Building with Nature group. Potentially one of the Project Officers could be on the group. The Vision could be a ‘shared’ document.

Tanya would like to see the evidence of how the natural environment benefits the economy.

Is it possible for someone from the LNP to act as a lead on the City Deal.

Nigel Slater is University rep and Alan Ballantyne fir ARU

Links to the City Deal ‘Assembly’ is a potential link for the LNP.

Two challenges for us:

- A city deal lead
- How do we get he messages across about the value of nature

Action items:		Person Responsible:	Deadline:
	Speak with Stuart Walmsley, from City Deal about representation on the Building with Nature Working Group	PC	End of February
	Draft protocol for joint working	PC	End of February
	Identify a Board member to act as a point of contact between two groups.	PC	End of February

Agenda item: 4	Update on Strategic Solutions Group	Presenter:	CA
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Discussion:	This group last met on the met on 2nd December 2015. There is some uncertainty over the future direction/function of this group.
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Action items:		Person responsible:	Deadline:
	RA to contact Neil Darwin (LEP) to explore the possibility of the LNP presenting to the SSG.	RA	By end of February
Agenda item: 5	The Work of The Countryside Landowners Association – presentation by Katy Anderson, Rural Adviser	Presenter:	KA
Discussion:	<p>Presentation to be uploaded to website.</p> <p>Natural Capital is potentially key area for us to be working closer together on.</p> <p>Any toolbox for building in nature should also apply to small developments or conversions on farms.</p>		
Action items:		Person responsible:	Deadline:
	Upload presentation to LNP website.	PC	By end of February
Agenda Item:	Work Programme updates	Presenter:	RA/MB/PC/JT
Discussion:	Needs to be monthly note for the Board not part of the quarterly meetings.		
Action Items:		Person Responsible:	Deadline:
	PC to draft a one side report on each of the Themes for circulation.	PC	By end of each month.

Agenda Item:	Events Programme for 2016 – Agree programme of Knowledge Sharing Visits	Presenter:	PC
Discussion:	<p>A number of potential site were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April – Thornhill Estates • June – Grow Places • August - Trumpington • October – RSPB Needingworth <p>All dates to be confirmed. If anyone has a good idea for a site visit then please let me know.</p>		
Action Items:		Person Responsible:	Deadline:
	Confirm dates and sites for programme	PC	By end of February

Agenda Item:	AOB	Presenter:	
Discussion:			
Peterborough Green Infrastructure is undergoing a refresh – do we want to get comment?			
Action Items:		Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Look at consultation to see if there is a need for the LNP to comment		PC	ASAP

Agenda Item:	Date and venue for next meetings	Presenter:	
Discussion:			
Next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 12 th April 2016 at Thornhill Estates, Diddington. Followed by a guided walk led by Edmund Thornhill.			
Tuesday 12 th July 2016 – TBC Tuesday 11 th October 2016 – Wicken Fen			
Action Items:		Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Confirm that meeting room at Wicken Fen is booked for July meeting		PC/CS	ASAP