

Natural Cambridgeshire Board meeting		11/10/16																																							
		10.00am – 13.00pm																																							
		Held at Nene Park, Lakeside Meeting Room, Peterborough																																							
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Minutes			
Agenda Item: 2	Minutes of last meeting	Presenter:	RA
Discussion:	There were no matters arising from the minutes not already covered on the agenda.		
Action Items:		Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Agenda item: 3	Groundwork Cambridgeshire – presentation from Hugh Cripps, Operations Manager, on their work within the County	Presenter:	HC
Discussion:	Hugh gave an overview of the work both nationally and in Cambridgeshire, with special mention of the success of the Green Teams and the work they are doing in partnership with		

	developers Urban and Civic. RW wondered whether we should be including this work in the Developing with Nature toolkit?		
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Agenda item: 4	A14 Ecology and Landscape – presentation from Chris Bayliss and Alison Braham from Highways England on the ecology and landscape works being delivered as part of the new A14 development	Presenter:	CB/AB
Discussion:	An interesting and informative overview of the works for the protection and enhancement of landscape and biodiversity to be delivered as part of the A14 construction works. The long term management/maintenance/adoption of the Borrow Pits was discussed and any organisations interested involved in any discussions around this should contact Gerard Smith who is main contact for A14 Legacy projects. RW asked if there were examples of projects that had received funding. CB replied that there were due to be announced very soon. RA asked how we can work with HE to encourage them to adopt/sign up to our vision, CB suggested contacting their Environment Policy group.		
Action items:		Person responsible:	Deadline:
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CB to send me PC contact details for Highways England (HE) Policy Group 2. CB to send presentation to PC for circulation 3. CB to send list of projects approved under the A14 Community Fund when available 4. Any organisation interested in exploring options for long term adoption of Borrow Pits to contact Gerard Smith 	 CB CB CB All	 By 20/1 By 20/1 When available ASAP

Agenda Item:5	Peterborough Green Infrastructure – presentation from James Fisher of Peterborough City Council on the emerging Peterborough Green Infrastructure Strategy	Presenter:	JF
Discussion:	<p>James gave an overview of the work carried out as part of the refresh of the Peterborough City Council Green Infrastructure Strategy and process for adopting as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). Gave rise to a discussion around the need for the LNP to be involved in site allocations stage of local plan development as this ensures GI can be incorporated at a stage where it can increase likelihood of being delivered.</p> <p>Peterborough CC Green Infrastructure Strategy (SPD) will be going out for consultation along with the Local Plan. OB/JT to prepare a high level LNP response to this document as well as the East Cambridgeshire Local Plan which is just out for consultation.</p>		
Action Items:		Person Responsible:	Deadline:
	1. OB/JT to draft response on PCC Local Plan for LNP Board sign-off	OB/JT	Thursday 9 Feb is deadline for responses to PCC

	2. OB/JT to draft response on ECDC Local Plan for LNP Board sign-off	OB/JT	Monday 6 Feb deadline for LNP Board sign-off Response for Board sign-off by Friday 17 Feb. Wednesday 22 Feb for responses to ECDC
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Agenda Item: 6	LNP Themes update	Presenter:	MB/PC/JT/
Discussion:	<p>Developing with Nature – MB gave an update on progress. Final draft of toolkit has been produced by working group; comments from other LNP board members expected by 17th January, at which point a final version of the toolkit text should be available. Richard Astle has arranged a meeting with Simon Machen and Graham Hughes to discuss how to link the toolkit formally with the Planning system and wider growth agenda.</p> <p>Next steps are for a workshop to be planned for spring to define the way the toolkit will be promoted and used through the planning system and wider growth agenda, and how benchmarking process will operate. Design the toolkit for publication spring / early summer. Promotion and dissemination of toolkit summer / autumn onwards. Working group to review future work programme.</p> <p>The need to get District Council planners involved was discussed and MS suggested speaking to John Hill/Philip Rose of Palace Green Homes in East Cambs.</p> <p>HC proposed some changes/additions to the document, including; the importance of wildlife corridors in new developments, case studies that demonstrates what a high quality development should look like. HC will speak with MB.</p> <p>The importance of getting a commercial developer on board was also raised.</p> <p>Naturally Healthy – Peterborough Environment City Trust as lead partner have submitted a bid to Big Lottery Funds Awards for All for funding to carry out a community consultation that will identify current barriers to using ‘natural interventions’ and using the findings from this to shape the Reaching Communities bid. If Big Lottery bid is successful we are looking at a start time of early Summer this year with the consultation taking 3 months to complete. This should mean an application to Reaching Communities by early 2018.</p> <p>Also discussed the need to link to the quality of environment on natural interventions and people’s engagement with it.</p> <p>Also planning to run a Naturally Healthy Week during the half term week at the end of May.</p> <p>State of Nature – Public version document has been drafted and circulated to immediate project team for comments. By 17th Jan to circulate the revised draft, with requests, to both LNP partners and to the local experts for specific inputs. Good final draft by mid-March so that we can get the necessary design input in time for May launch. Revised draft to include specific queries where more specialist input is needed. Circulate an agreed draft to the wider working group for general and specific comments.</p> <p>Need some case studies for each target audience and to be sure who our audience is.</p> <p>Need to focus on the positive news story.</p> <p>Need to demonstrate a strong case for nature and aimed at those that aren’t convinced of its value currently. Need to make sure people get the ‘message’.</p> <p>Keep it simple, focussing on key habitats/landscape/species.</p>		

<p>Needs to be ready to be signed off by Board at April meeting</p> <p>Green Spaces Network – Cambridge CVS have agreed to take lead on this Theme and will be working on a funding bid to develop a website/social media and running targeted training.</p> <p>Green Infrastructure Strategy – following discussions with Cambridge City Deal Team and upcoming Devolution the value of refreshing the Cambridgeshire GI Strategy has been acknowledged. A sub-group has been formed and met recently in January. It was agreed that we should invite key people on to the group including District council planner. Should be looking to take forward as a SPD.</p>

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	<p><u>Developing with Nature</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Venue needed for launch event in early June 2. Make contact with District Council planners to discuss planning status of Developing with nature toolkit. John Hill/Philip Rose of Palace Green Homes in East Cambs. 3. HC to send comments to MB on additions to the document 4. Need to identify a commercial develop to invite to sit on group <p><u>Naturally Healthy</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contact partners to identify events/activities that can be branded under the Naturally Healthy Week 27th May to 2nd June 2. Contact Liz Robin to attend a future Board meeting and having a member on the Board <p><u>State of Nature</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Need a final draft by mid-March 2. Prepare final draft for circulation to wider working group 3. Identify case studies that show our various target audiences what we are trying to achieve <p><u>Green Spaces Network</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrange meeting with Cambridge CVS to plan next steps <p><u>Green Infrastructure Strategy</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Talk to John Williamson regarding planning status of any framework plans produced under devolution and to ensure that the LNP and the natural environment are involved from the beginning in developing a new 	<p>PC</p> <p>RA</p> <p>HC</p> <p>MB</p> <p>PC</p> <p>PC</p> <p>JT</p> <p>JT</p> <p>JT</p> <p>PC</p> <p>PC</p>	

	strategies/plans. 2. Speak with CCC/District Council planners regarding their involvement on sub-group. James to circulate the PCC document 3. Invite other key members to join sub-group 4. Identify where DC's are with their local plan programme 5. Arrange for meeting in February	PC PC SW (Sian Williams) PC	
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Agenda Item: 7	Forward Plan 2017	Presenter:	
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Discussion:	DEFRA 25yr Environment Plan Workshop – To be held on Tuesday 21 March April Board Meeting – To be held on Tuesday 18 April in David Attenborough Building. Gillian Beasley to be main speaker LEP Board Meeting – To be held on Tuesday 25 April at RSPB Needingworth Launch of Developing with Nature Toolkit/State of Nature Report – to be in late May early June Joint LEP/LNP Economic Strategy Workshop – date and venue to be confirmed July LNP Board Meeting – venue to be confirmed October LNP Board Meeting – venue to be confirmed		
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Action items:			
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	1. Chase DEFRA for details of 25YEP workshop 2. LEP Board meeting. Contact LEP for agenda etc 3. Confirm details for economic Strategy workshop 4. Confirm date for launch event 5. Secure venue for launch event	PC RA RA PC PC	
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Agenda Item: 8	LNP Resourcing Plan	Presenter:	
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Discussion:	A number of potential funding sources were discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EA Flood management and local levy fund • CCI has funding, speak to RM • HLF also a possibility • CLG/DEFRA about to produce report on the future of parks/green spaces 		
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Action Items:	1. Investigate funding through the local levy fund 2. Speak to RM regarding CCI funding 3. MB to circulate report when available	PC PC MB	
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Agenda Item: 9	AOB	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
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Discussion:	No items were raised		
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Agenda Item: 10	Date of Next Meeting		
	Tuesday 18 April 10.00am to 13.00pm at the David Attenborough Building, Cambridge.		