

Natural Cambridgeshire Board meeting		17/10/17																																			
		10.00am – 13.00pm																																			
		Held at Wicken Fen Nature Reserve																																			
Chaired by:	Carly Leonard	Note taker:	Philip Clark (Coordinator)																																		
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Agenda item: 2	Minutes of last meeting	Presenter:	CL																																		
Discussion:	Minutes were agreed as true record and no items raised. All being covered on the agenda.																																				

	Fens Biosphere Reserve: A funding bid has been submitted to the HLF for development work on this.		
Action items:		Person Responsible:	Deadline:
	None		
Agenda item: 3	Finalising the Vision for Nature and Developing with Nature Toolkit - commissioning final, designed documents that we can circulate to stakeholders at our launch event	Presenter:	CL
Discussion:	<p>Board agreed to sign off for this stage and to be taken forward for production.</p> <p>It was agreed that the launch event would now take place in January 2018. In terms of invites it was agreed that we should try to get Gillian Beasley to attend. From a quick look at her diary it looked as though 24th was not a good date and so it was agreed to go for 22nd and 23rd January.</p> <p>Venues to be Cambridge – David Attenborough Building (Roger to check availability) and Peterborough – Nene Park Trust (Phil to contact Matthew to check availability).</p> <p>Suggested key note speakers – Cllr James Palmer/Martin Whitely, Gillian Beasley, Cllr Lewis Herbert (CA hat on). Panel and framing of day – to not miss out the broader environmental messages alongside sustainable growth. Audience – Developers, LAs, National Infrastructure orgs.</p> <p>Key outcomes for the events developed to make really clear desired results; Briefing for each of the speakers/panel members to ensure that the day gives the LNP what we need</p> <p>James Palmer? Lewis Herbert Invite to National Infrastructure Commission (invite).</p> <p>Other invites should include; Housing associations, Cambridgeshire Quality Charter for Growth Team.</p>		
Action items:		Person responsible:	Deadline:
	Invite Officers from the 'Let's Get Moving Cambridgeshire' project	PC	
	Invite Cambridgeshire Quality panel	PC	
	Send save the date invite out	PC	
	Check with Matthew for availability of Nene Park Trust	PC	
	Check if dates available for David Attenborough building.	RM	

	Need an invitation list to send round. Use attendees list from previous Swavesey event.	PC	
	Contact venues and key note speakers to try to secure dates	PC	
	Begin and share a list of contacts for invite	PC	
	Revise the outline for the launch with key outcomes, speakers etc. and re-circulate	RA/PC	
	Send calendar requests to LNP to save the dates	PC	
Agenda item: 4	Recruiting the LNP Consultant to support our work programme.	Presenter:	CL
Discussion:	<p>The group felt that the role was still a bit open ended and would benefit from clearer deliverables in order to provide clarity for us in knowing what we are asking for, managing etc. and for the candidate/organisation that gets it. Need to agree what our top priorities are for the contract.</p> <p>Julia Beeden and Phil also confirmed ongoing resource from CCC and the group felt it would be beneficial to more clearly apportion responsibilities. A small sub group (Carly, Roger Mitchell, Chris – RSPB, Phil) volunteered to review and revise with the aim to getting the final version ready for sending out by the end of October. There was also a view that seemed to be that there were clear benefits in the ACRE type approach and that we should invite interest in the first instance from a range of options (orgs known to us, external consultants and individuals and then the same group, with Richard, could assess these.)</p> <p>RSPB have agreed to provide £1K as funding towards the LNP consultant.</p>		
Action items:		Person responsible:	Deadline:
	Send JD to Carly, Chris and Roger for the group to reshape this over the week between 17 th and 24 th October. Include closing date for applications/interest and contact details	PC	
	Share with wider group for dissemination ahead of end of October with a 2 week application window.	PC	
Agenda Item: 5	<p>Immediate Response for Current Work</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understanding and agreeing our 'Position Statement' for the Combined Authority workshop; following meeting with Martin Whiteley. 	Presenter:	CL

	<p>2. Understanding and agreeing a way forward for closer working with the Combined Authority following our meeting with Cllr Lewis Herbert.</p> <p>3. Understanding who is doing what to take forward the ideas discussed with Dr Robin at our last board meeting, including perhaps the formal establishment of a Naturally Healthy work group, reporting into the board.</p>		
<p>Discussion:</p>	<p>Position Statements/Combined Authority Workshop - there were drafts circulated in advance for; Parks, Garden village and Significant assets. Each table had a template to capture feedback on against the draft and new ideas. There was chance for people to move around and discuss more than one area.</p> <p>Next steps are to urgently confirm the November CA/LNP workshop date and whether this is just us or wider stakeholders and for Phil and the area leads to use the information gathered today and the drafts prepared to create 2 page position statements on each area. There was some discussion on energy and other issues which will also be written up and shared with Rob Wise of NFU initially.</p> <p>Lewis Herbert session notes – Combined Authority work programme and priorities</p> <p>Following Richard’s meeting with Cllr Lewis Herbert of Cambridge City Council and the Combined Authority the LNP with a challenge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How we might update and strengthen the original charter for quality produced by Cambridge County Council (link to existing charter https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/cambridgeshire_quality_charter_2010.pdf) • Offer our thoughts on the NSSP might integrate green infrastructure • Consider how our work can help tackle inequalities and cohesion and support the skills agenda • Offer thoughts on how water can play a stronger part in place making across the county, given the legacy and history of the Fens <p>A wide ranging discussion around the above points, including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to know more about the structure of the NSSP, will there be a Phase ½ and will there be a clear vision? • Target areas of multiple deprivation and will it be a bout existing communities as well as new communities? • Green Infrastructure can play a mafor role is supporting communities especially from a health and wellbeing perspective • Also need to focus on the other benefits of GI, including tourist scale attractions to biodiversity corridors and accessible green space 		

- With water as a theme an opportunity for providing access to waterways for leisure, health and wellbeing, as well as water resources role through flood risk.

Cameron Adams volunteered to take forward actions if needed.

Naturally Healthy Workshop - Feedback to Dr Robin

Following Dr Liz Robins presentation at the July Board meeting she issues the LNP with a challenge of:

- i) How we can design a ‘Naturally Healthy’ option for supporting the public health agenda in inner city Peterborough and in the more deprived areas of Fenland
- ii) How can we put nature in Back in the Urban areas?
- iii) How can we interact better with Public Health?

A wide ranging discussion around what are the barriers for creating more green space, people using it (being more physically active), overcoming people’s perceptions of using/visiting the outdoors, lack of quality green space and highlighting more the cultural benefits.

A number of solutions were proposed:

- Perceptions (more/better community engagement, more/better events, better promotion of the health and wellbeing benefits,
- Lack of quality green space (work more closely with organisations such as Clarion Housing etc, promotion of GI Strategy through Combined Authority, use of Building with Nature Toolkit)
- Increase physical activity (use school grounds?)

From which a number of actions were identified:

- i) Identify areas of deficiency so that we can focus our efforts on priorities (this may have already been done through GI Strategy and NE?)
- ii) Need to consider a range of solutions that are suited to local needs
- iii) Need to improve communication/marketing of existing and new initiatives
- iv) The role of LNP could be through work to profiling/examples of how some of the identified barriers can be overcome

Agreed that the Naturally Healthy group to be re started with health input from Stuart Keeble (CCC Public health Team)

Action Items:		Person Responsible:	Deadline:
	Type up the notes from both sessions	PC	

	<p>Check with Dan Thorpe at the CA about the November workshop</p> <p>Share the notes and the template for position statements with the area leads (Martin B, John T and Rob W)</p> <p>Share the position statements once finalised but also ask the full Board if there is further input they would like to have.</p> <p>Set a deadline of 31st October for all position statements to be agreed by the LNP Board. (Therefore drafts will need to be complete by 26th October.)</p> <p>Email group for any case studies people can share that could feed into the work the EA are doing on natural capital</p> <p>Find suitable dates for meeting to arrange to re start the Naturally Healthy group and take forward from today's session email Stuart, Carly, John T, Hugh Cripps</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>PC</p> <p>PC</p> <p>PC</p> <p>PC</p> <p>PC</p>	
Agenda Item: 6	Charlie Stratford from Centre for Ecology and Hydrology to present on his work with National Environment Research Council and potential for closer working with Natural Cambridgeshire	Presenter:	CS
Discussion:	Presentation from the Centre for Hydrology very interesting and potentially very useful for LNP.		
Action Items:		Person Responsible:	Deadline:
	LNP to keep in touch and will benefit from tools and lessons elsewhere EA – may be able to use position statements to feed in our views.	<p>PC</p> <p>CA</p>	
Agenda Item: 7	Oxford to Cambridge Natural Capital Investment Plan – an update on progress from Jack Rhodes ()	Presenter:	JR
Discussion:			
Action items:			

Agenda Item:10	AOB	Person responsible:	Deadline:
Discussion:			
	None		
Action Items:			
Agenda Item:11	Dates for 2018 Meetings	PC	
	<p>Tuesday 16th January 2.00pm to 16.00pm at Environment Agency Office, Bromholme Lane, Brampton.</p> <p>Tuesday 17th April - tbc</p> <p>Tuesday 17th July - tbc</p> <p>Tuesday 16th October - tbc</p>		