

Natural Cambridgeshire Board Meeting	Tuesday 18 th July
	10.00am – 12.30
	Venue: John Horrell Room, Nene Park Trust

Chaired by:	Matthew Bradbury	Note taker:	Frith Dunkley (FD)
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Attendees:	Matthew Bradbury (MB) Phil Clark (PC) Chris Bowden (CB) Roger Mitchell (RM) James Littlewood Sarah Smith (SS) Mary Sanders Mark Nokkert (MN) Stuart Keeble (SK) Team Ben Brown (BB) Team Oliver Burke (OB) Frith Dunkley (FD) Julia Beeden (JB) Katy Anderson (KA) Carly Leonard (CL) Cameron Adams (CA)	Nene Park Trust (Chair) LNP Coordinator RSPB Cambridge Conservation Forum Cambridge Past Present and Future Wicken Fen, National Trust Cambridgeshire local Access Forum Cambridgeshire ACRE Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Public Health Team Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Public Health Team Nene Park Trust CCC (Minute taker) CCC CLA Peterborough Environment City Trust Environment Agency
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Apologies	Richard Astle (RA) Martin Baker (MB) Rob Wise (RW) Paul Bourgeois (PB) Authority John Torlesse (JT) Rebecca Britten (RB) Cllr Lina Joseph (LJ) Laurence Wragg (LW)	Athene Communications (Chair) Wildlife Trust BCN National Farmers Union Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority Natural England Urban & Civic Cambridgeshire County Council CPRE
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Agenda Item: 1	Jim Rouquette, Director of Natural Capital Solutions	Presenter :	Dr Jim Rouquette
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Discussion:	<p>1. <i>As any green space is good for wellbeing, not just biodiverse areas, is there not a risk that people will be directed towards the areas that have been designated to nature for nature's sake?</i></p> <p>Response: Studies have shown that, whilst there is no link between personal wellbeing and the level of biodiversity within an area, there is a link between <i>perceived</i> biodiversity and wellbeing. Therefore spaces do not have to be truly biodiverse for people's wellbeing to be positively affected.</p> <p>2. <i>Does the natural capital asset work feed into the materials used in developments?</i></p> <p>Response: Natural Capital work doesn't consider building level aspects. It is therefore the responsibility of the developer to bring in</p>
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	<p>environmentally sensitive infrastructure e.g. SuDS.</p> <p>One major consideration of this approach is that it is time consuming for developer but a Natural Capital metric is being developed which would make the process more time efficient.</p> <p>PC mentions the new Biodiversity group is looking at something similar to the Natural Capital approach work.</p>		
Action Items:		Person Responsible	Deadline:
1 - Jim's presentation to be circulated to Board. 2.-		PC	Done

Agenda Item: 2	Role of Exec Group	Presenter:	PC
Discussion:	<p>As set out in policy paper, the role of the Executive Group is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To support work of the LNP esp. over the immediate period utilising funds To support Working Groups (WG). <p>It is noted that the Biodiversity Steering Group want to become a WG, and that they need to be slotted into LNP structure</p> <p><i>CB notes there is a lot of overlap in working groups – difficulty attending all</i> <i>PC: each WG works on a specific projects and there is a plan for WGs to merge in future</i> <i>JB suggests that the Biodiversity group could deliver GI work</i> <i>PC notes that GI, Developing with nature, and Biodiversity could potentially come together in future following a review (Oct/Nov).</i> <i>OB: as groups work on specific tasks, a better name could be 'Task and Finish Groups'.</i></p> <p><i>RM suggests CB to co-chair Future for Nature WG</i></p>		
Action Items:		Person Responsible:	Deadline:
	PC to change name in document	PC	
	JB to chair GI group	JB	
	CB to Co-chair Future for Nature WG	CB	
	MBr to Chair Green Spaces Trust – it is noted that MBa has shown an interest in Vice-chairing Green Spaces Trust but that he is also the Vice-Chair of Developing with Nature	MBr	
	PC to circulate documents relevant to working groups	PC	
	FD to include dates of next meeting for WG in minutes	FD	

Agenda item: 3	Working Group Updates	Presenter:	
Discussion:			
<p>Developing with Nature Toolkit PC is working with graphic designer on document Meeting organised [insert date] to discuss document Launch event being organised (Cambridge and Peterborough) – 1st October (Peterborough) Week beginning 8th October (Cambridge) Toolkit question: need to frame toolkit in context of wider picture (ecological mapping)?</p> <p>GI Strategy PC: Strategy to be public document – sections need updating (project table) Pro forma will be sent to stakeholder group for final approval</p> <p>Naturally Healthy CL: Mapping of previous work to inform future work and funding Group due to meet 24/07/18 (9am-12pm) – it is noted that there has been past difficulty with attendance</p> <p>Future for Nature PC has met with Coral to discuss document design Exec Group meeting concluded that the document should be an A5 leaflet containing infographic. RM hopes to get public involved in Future for Nature project RM proposes getting group together to discuss project (RM & JT, MBa, Catherine Weightman, OB)</p> <p>Biosphere Route map in progress (heritage lottery funded) detailing funding, timescale, achievement routes Main meeting on 17/09/18 to discuss progress of site designation Small group meeting on 24/08/18 to prepare for meeting on 17th RM asks if there is an alternative designation proposed as a plan B? Called “Cambridgeshire Fens” but thinking about extending into Lincolnshire Fens Combined Authority has identified Biosphere as a priority project</p> <p>Green Spaces Trust MBr: talking to leaders in Cambridgeshire rather than Combined Authority. MBr: Meeting Gillian Beasley to begin process It is noted that a new Fund has become available (NT & Heritage lottery) – Cambridgeshire/Combined Authority area will be the first to apply for funding for a project of this scale. The ‘Future for Parks’ team are eager to work with Combined Authority to put bid together. Connect with Parks Action Group It is noted that preparation for funding is in process and the feasibility of the project will be known in 6 weeks. Assessing LA appetite for Biosphere and Green Spaces projects.</p> <p>Biodiversity PC: Group originally set up to provide a steer for delivery of BAPs Group continue to meet to identify how best to deliver local biodiversity projects It was agreed at the April board meeting which projects will be delivered</p>			

MBa & PC currently drawing up a protocol on how to deliver legacy project.
 Agreed that money will go towards ecological mapping project
 PC discussed funding with martin and co. – PC awaiting email of confirmation
 PC has detailed costing of Natural Capital Investment project – it is noted that 2/3 of the project could be achieved with MBa's funding, and 1/3 could without funding.
 Adrian wants to be aware of GI Strat
Action: PC to send links (GI strat) to Adrian

Action items:		Person Responsible:	Deadline:
	PC/FD to secure venue for Cambridge event once speaker confirmed	PC/FD	
Naturally Healthy:	CL/PC/FD to circulate questions to the board to allow others to feed into process and updated	CL/PC/FD	
Future for Nature	PC and RM to meet Coral to discuss design	PC/RM	
Future for Nature	PC/FD to organise meeting	PC/FD	
Biodiversity	PC to send MBa JR's presentation – invite JR to meeting with MBa	PC	
Biodiversity	PC to send links (GI strat) to Adrian Cannard	PC	Done
Agenda item: 4	Combined Authority Work Update	Presenter:	PC/MBr
Discussion:			

MBr: Combined Authority are not ready to talk about the Biosphere project until October – RA currently following up.
 Economic Commission meeting – suggested inclusion of natural capital chapter (Adrian gave CA name of person to follow up with)

Cambridge Conservation Initiative meeting on 28/09/18

Defra secondment:

CA primary focus: fulltime post – informing strategic framework (not exclusively)
 CA in process of finding suitable candidate
 The role serves the Defra group but also acts as a point of contact for the LNP and can work on behalf of LNP
 Candidate must be from a Defra approved organisations due to the necessary skills set.

Action items:		Person responsible:	Deadline:

Agenda item: 5	Year of Green Action 2019 (YOGA)	Presenter:	
Discussion:	<p>PC: 25 year environment plan Actions contained within (above) National Outdoors Working group (incl. Defra and NT) after recent meeting in Peterborough – YOGA</p> <p>Public Health England has a section in plan: social prescribing, encouraging people to get out and about.</p> <p>Plan due to come into action in December 2018 – LNP need to prepare for this deadline so that launch of Cambridgeshire activities can coincide.</p> <p>Projects to be promoted on both the LNP website and organisations' own.</p> <p>Plan focuses on children, obesity/diabetes, and mental health.</p> <p>It is noted that this campaign will help to highlight LNP work to Combined Authority.</p> <p>A report to be created that collates relevant statistics on the benefits of activities, effectiveness of project (e.g. how many people got involved, demographic etc.).</p>		
Action items:		Person responsible:	Deadline:
	PC & FD to look at what CCC is doing to compliment YOGA work and promote under brand of YOGA. – sign posting using new website	PC/FD	
	PC & FD to look into YOGA related projects on LNRs	PC/FD	
	All to look at their calendars to identify how their work can feed into YOGA (and promote).	All	
	FD & PC to create template to share with partners – will share information from orgs' websites through LNP and CCC health pages.	PC/FD	
	FD/PC to Include 4 or 5 categories to help organisations to identify suitable activities	PC/FD	

Agenda Item: 6	Biodiversity Specialist Group/Planning Working Group	Presenter:	
Discussion:	PC and MBa developing remit for group – projects range from local biodiversity, planning applications, and mapping work.		
Action Items:		Person Responsible:	Deadline:

Agenda Item:7	Great Ouse Valley Trust	Presenter: Phil Rothwell (PR)	
Discussion:	<p>PR: explains the plan to have an AONB from St Neots to Earith It is noted that there is merit in forming a group to encourage the public to enjoy the local area, conservation and management (mainly by e.g. Huntingdonshire DC, NT, RSPB) Project promotes the use of the valley</p> <p>Ouse Valley Trust Conference to take place on 22/09/18 Will include four talks (30 mins each + discussion panel): Archaeology (A14 finds) Valley Wildlife (Pat Doody) Use of valley for artists (Bridget) Human history of valley and its population</p> <p>Committee includes Councillors, Helen Boothman, Godmanchester in bloom representative, a National Park executive</p> <p>It is noted that the Wildlife Trust’s Godmanchester nature reserve is under threat from a new road crossing over the R Ouse.</p> <p>PR notes the importance of raising the profile of the group beyond being a pressure group. It is therefore necessary to be more strategic in order to create an awareness of the natural assets amongst the public. It is noted that this would assist funding applications (HLF).</p> <p>CL suggests not having a membership – instead the group should engage with the public directly.</p> <p>LNP’s role with the Ouse Valley Trust: PR happy to update LNP on project progress JB notes that LNP should be aware that strategy needs to address the need for a long term relationship to be made with Cambridgeshire</p> <p>KA: Have you been engaging with landowners, and has it been supportive? PR: Only with institutional landowners. There are some local struggles but other landowners are being spoken to. PR aims to invite local farmers to future events.</p>		

Action Items:		Person Responsible:	Deadline:
PC to share GI project table with PR		PC	
PC to add strategic planning to agenda for next meeting		PC	
PC to liaise with PR on projects		PC	
PR to liaise with LNP for potential contacts		PR	
PC to send PR full list of board		PC	

Agenda Item:	AOB	Presenter:	
Discussion:			
<p>Key note speakers for launch event – Gillian Beasley 1st October (Location: Nene Park Trust, 5.30 – 7pm) Week beginning 8th October – Cambridge (David Attenborough), Lewis Herbert still to confirm to finalise date Steve Count potential alternative speaker – incorporate environment (reviewing corporate strategy)</p> <p>Cambridge Conservation Forum event: 12th November (general) 20th November (invitation only) Action: RB to circulate details</p>			
Action Items:		Person Responsible:	Deadline:
All to contact CD for anything relating to Groundworks		All	
RB to circulate details about CCF event		RB	

Agenda Item:	Dates and venues for 2018	Presenter:	
Discussion:			
<p>16/10/18 (Tuesday) Location: Ouse Washes offices The meeting will be followed by site tour.</p>			
Action Items:		Person Responsible:	Deadline:
FD to update event invitations		FD	