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| Natural Cambridgeshire Board Meeting | | Tuesday 16 th October | |
| | | 10.00am – 12.30 | |
| | | Venue: Ouse Washes, RSPB Education Centre | |
| Chaired by: | Richard Astle | Note taker: | Phil Clark (PC) |
| Attendees: | Richard Astle (RA) Matthew Bradbury (MB) Phil Clark (PC) Chris Bowden (CB) Roger Mitchell (RM) James Littlewood (JL) Roger Buisson (RB) Mark Nokkert (MN) Ben Brown (BB) Oliver Burke (OB) Katy Anderson (KA) Cameron Adams (CA) Martin Baker (MB) Rob Wise (RW) Adrian Cannard (AC) John Torlesse (JT) Rebecca Britten (RB) Deborah Ahmad (DA) | Athene Communications (Chair) Nene Park Trust LNP Coordinator RSPB Cambridge Conservation Forum Cambridge Past Present and Future Cambridgeshire Local Access Forum Cambridgeshire ACRE Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Public Health Nene Park Trust CLA Environment Agency Wildlife Trust BCN National Farmers Union Combined Authority Natural England Urban & Civic Cambridgeshire County Council | |
| | Guest speakers: Stewart McIntyre, Conservation Manager from Cambs Farms Growers Ltd and Edward Darling from the Red List Revival Project. | | |
| Apologies | Cllr Lina Joseph (LJ) Laurence Wragg (LW) Julia Beeden Cheryl Allibone Stuart Keeble Carly Leonard Darren Sharpe Irene Walsh Urselle Mumford Natasha Woollard Sarah Smith Paul Bourgeois | Cambridgeshire County Council CPRE Cambridgeshire County Council Natural England Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Public health PECT Peterborough City Council Peterborough City Council Environment Agency National Trust National Trust Combined Authority# | |
| Agenda Item: 5 | Launch Events – Feedback session, develop an action plan to take our programme forward | Presenter: | |
| Discussion : | General consensus was that both launch events went really well with lots of positive feedback and willingness to engage further from delegates. At both events we forgot to promote website. So need to make sure we include web link in future communications. To take forward and build on the successful launches it was agreed that we | | |

need to compile list of those we want to follow up with.

We also need to do some follow up publicity as none of the local news media responded to our press releases. Suggested actions include:

- Send copies of both documents to all our MP’s, Local Authority Leaders and Chief Execs, The Mayor, (any others) with a covering letter from Richard
- Do follow up news release on back of CA release of their Housing Strategy and Independent Economic Review
- Develop newsletter to send to newly created distribution group
- Post on to FB page and Twitter

Need to develop a list of actions for delivery of our “10 Things to do for Nature” list:

- Promote wildlife rich greenspace so that everyone can play, exercise or just quietly enjoy nature near where they live
- Inspire wildlife friendly management of gardens, public parks and road verges
- Encourage good quality housing and other developments that result in an overall gain for nature
- Ensure all new road and rail developments help us better connect wildlife as well as people
- Champion more large-scale creation of natural habitats delivering a range of benefits for people
- Manage our woodlands, hedges, watercourses, ponds and lakes sensitively to provide good wildlife habitats and provide green spaces and corridors in the countryside
- Maintain, enhance and expand the areas of wildlife on farmland
- Support new ways of farming that deliver better environmental outcomes
- Develop ambitious visions for nature and work towards these together
- Stimulate community action to help measure our progress towards this vision for a natural future

Need to develop actions to set out how we intend to deliver on these.

| Action Items: | | Person Responsible | Deadline: |
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| 1. Send out launch event follow up email to all on invite list with link to website and documents. | | PC | |
| 2. Send copies of documents to all | | PC | |

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| key individuals/organisations. | | |
| 3. Do follow up press release. | PC | |
| 4. Produce newsletter. | PC | |
| 5. Set up Task+ Finish Group to develop actions for delivery of 10 Things to do for Nature. | PC/RM | |

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| Agenda Item: 6 | Working Group updates | Presenter: | MBr, RBr, PC, BB, |
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| Discussion : | |
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Green Spaces Trust (MBr) - Matthew described a newly launched HLF funding programme for Parks and GI. Working with NT late October to develop a bid for the [Future Parks Accelerator Fund](#). Developing corporate partnerships. 2 year innovation programme. Targeting challenges for future of parks. HLF 5million matched by NT 5 million.

Looking for LA areas that are ready to go. Looking for a framework that all LA's could use. HLF keen to get a County based approach/Combined Authority approach. We're likely to be the only LA working at this scale. There is a deadline of the 19th November for EOI bids. Then to make a full pitch at event in Feb 2019. National launch in May 2019.

Next steps - set up a working group. PC to set up. Matthew/Chris Bowden/Cameron/Martin Baker/Rob Wise/Ben Brown/Stuart Keeble/Becca/

Developing with Nature Toolkit – items discussed included the potential for running some breakfast meetings to provide an opportunity to engage with other developers. This was raised by a couple of the developers that attended the launch and could potentially host them. Training events on the use, completing and delivery of the toolkit. Being involved in the review of the quality charter.

GI Strategy – JB and PC are in discussion with DC's and have been invited to submit a written proposal together with S Cambs/City for: a) the options going forwards and b) what the SPD would include if we did do one?

Then once everyone has reviewed we should meet to discuss. We don't necessarily need to wait for a full Planning Policy Forum meeting. We'll need to make it clear we want each District to come back to us with their preference either before or during the meeting.

We have heard that FDC would review their Local Plan soon (so it could be a good time for them to thin about this too) but not 100% certain whether FDC will renew their Local Plan or not.

The project table has been updated to include all new date submitted by Partners. There may be a need to hold a workshop(s) to agree some form of prioritising (criteria for doing this will have to be agreed too).

Naturally Healthy –

A Future for Nature - as discussed above, how do we deliver our ten points for action?

Need to make good use of the website to demonstrate how we're achieving the actions.

Fens Biosphere - working with UNESCO on buffer habitat as its intensive agriculture. Can RM circulate a more detailed briefing on where we are with the Project? Where are we with the Combined Authority, RA and JT to have a catch up on this.

Biodiversity – members of the Biodiversity Partnership met recently and supported the proposal for the Partnership to become a 'Working Group' under the umbrella of Natural Cambridgeshire. A Terms of Reference document is being developed and will be circulated to all Board Members in due course.

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| 1. | Set up meeting to develop HLF EOI bid. Deadline for submission is 19 th November. | PC | ASAP |
| 2. | Re-convene DWN Group and invite those that expressed an interest following the launch events. | RB/PC | By end of November |
| 3. | Find out what stage the Environment quality Charter is at and how we can contribute. | PC | By middle of November. |
| 4. | Draft GI SPD proposal for DC Planners. | JB/PC | By middle of November |
| 5. | Circulate GI Project Table. | PC | By middle of November |
| 6. | Set up Task + Finish Group to draft actions for delivery of 10 Things for Nature. | RM/PC | By end of October |
| 7. | Circulate a more detailed briefing on where we are with the Fens Biosphere Project. | RM | By end of October |
| 8. | Circulate ToR for Biodiversity Group when available. | PC | ASAP |

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| Agenda item: 7 | Combined Authority update | Presenter: | AC |
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| Discussion: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following release of the Sept 2018 ONS household projections that are lower than previous Govt housing requirements, discussions are taking place within the Combined Authority Committee about housing numbers. • This will affect the NSSF Phase 2, for which work is understood not to have commenced. • It is possible that a NSSF Phase 2 will still be produced to meet the Mayor's timetable but that it would be a very brief document with the previously intended evidence base work just being signposted and instead picked up later, maybe through a phase 3. An announcement from the Mayor is awaited to clarify the intentions. • In the meantime any related evidence work and any work not already started (that includes all GI and flood work) is formally on hold. Since much transport work had already been commissioned we understand that this is still progressing. • The Combined Authority is undergoing a staffing review (to create its third structure in |
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so many months). As part of this the positions of our current contacts at the CA are uncertain. Paul Rayner/Rainer (not sure which) appears to have been appointed formally as Strategy and Assurance Director but many other roles are still interim and their future is unknown.

Some of you may or may not have seen the letter from all Chief Execs to the Combined Authority. Links below (I have circulated these to all this morning):

<http://www.cambstimes.co.uk/news/business-news/exclusive-report-on-camb-combined-authority-1-5722234>

<http://www.cambridgeindependent.co.uk/news/cambridge/in-full-the-letter-sent-to-combined-authority-by-cambridgeshire-public-service-board-1-5723881>

[Independent Economic Review](#) and [Housing Strategy](#) have been launched and make references to GI etc. Need to follow up.

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| 1. Make contact with Paul Raines for meeting. | | RA/PC | By end of October |
| 2. | | | |

| Agenda Item 7: | AOB | Presenter: | |
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| Discussion: | | | |

CA briefed on the Cambridge to Oxford Green Arc and that the Natural Capital investment Plan has been put forward for funding from Government.

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| Agenda Item 8: | Dates and venues for 2019 | Presenter: | |
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| Discussion: | | | |

January 15th (Tuesday) – Venue to be confirmed
 April 16th (Tuesday) - Venue to be confirmed
 July 16th (Tuesday) - Venue to be confirmed
 October 15th (Tuesday) – Wandlebury CP

| Action Items: | | Person Responsible: | Deadline: |
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| 1. Board members to consider whether they can offer venues. | | PC | |
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