

Natural Cambridgeshire Board meeting		Tuesday 17th April																																			
		10.00am to 12.30pm																																			
		Held at Urban and Civic Offices, Waterbeach																																			
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Agenda item: 1	Minutes of last meeting	Presenter:	RA																																		
Discussion:	Minutes were agreed as true record and no items raised, all being covered on the agenda.																																				
Action items:		Person Responsible:	Deadline:																																		
	None																																				
Agenda item: 2	Combined Authority Work update; to include:	Presenter:	RA																																		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Funding Proposal 2. Strategic Spatial Plan – now 																																				

	<p>published, how do we take forward with the Combined Authority on Strategic Spatial Objective 10: “green infrastructure, natural capital and biodiversity principles are reflected appropriately in the development of the Strategic Spatial Framework.”</p>		
<p>Discussion:</p>	<p>Combined Authority – Funding proposal: Richard gave an overview of the presentation that he and Matthew gave to the Combined Authority Board on the 9th April. The reported that there was currently no political consensus on either proposal or so they would not be asking us to proceed (not provide funding) with the SOBC for the biosphere and Parks and Green Spaces Trust.</p> <p>This was very disappointing news and somewhat surprising as the CA who have not only already committed to this work in writing, but also advised all along that the political will was there, specifically with the Mayor’s full support.</p> <p>However it was agreed that our next steps should be individual meetings with the leaders and chief executives of the local authorities, particularly Fenland and Hunts, plus Lewis Herbert, whose portfolio this is. They both believe our ideas are good and that we should be aiming to bring them back for further consideration once that ground work has been done and the political support gained.</p> <p>Despite this set back it was agreed that we continue under the Governance arrangements where there is a specific Biosphere Working Group feeding back into the LNP. Also that the new LNP Governance structure proposed as part of the CA funding bid would still be introduced. Meaning that we have the Board with the existing members providing a strategic overview for the LNP and will be the responsible body for the successful management of this resource. An Executive Group, for which, we are proposing that the board delegates the oversight of the work-programme to a smaller executive group that will also act as the responsible body for the work commissioned by the Combined Authority. The proposed membership of this group is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Astle, Chair • Becca Britton, Chair of Developing with Nature/ Martin Baker Deputy Chair • Carly Leonard, Chair, Naturally Healthy • Matthew Bradbury, Chair, Parks and Green Spaces • John Torlesse, Chair, Biosphere • Chris Bowden, RSPB • Sarah Smith, National Trust • Roger Mitchell, Cambridge Conservation Forum <p>The Executive Group will meet on a monthly basis. Board to continue to meet on a quarterly basis as before. Are there any other Board members that feel they should or would like to be on the Executive Group?</p> <p>Reporting to this group there are 5 Working Groups for each of the main LNP themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing with Nature • A Natural Future • Naturally Healthy 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks & Green Spaces • Biosphere • Green Infrastructure <p>The groups to meet on a as and when basis.</p> <p>PB mentioned possibility of funding from University and that he would follow-up.</p> <p>Strategic Spatial Plan: now published with a specific objective for working with the LNP and delivery of GI. Need to follow up to understand how and who will be taking forward this work.</p>		
Action items:3		Person responsible:	Deadline:
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Map out key stakeholders for follow up. 2. To set up separate meetings with Lewis Herbert and Leader of Fenland DC 3. Set up monthly Executive group meetings 4. Make contact with Adrian Cannard regarding delivery of SSP 	PC PC/RA/MB PC PC	After May elections
Agenda item: 4	Working Group updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developing with Nature - GI Strategy - Naturally Healthy - A Natural Future - Green Space trust - Fens Biosphere 	Presenter: RB PC CL JT MB JT	
Discussion:	Will be covered under new work stream by CCC. All documents are now ready to go to a graphic designer or a working copy.		
Action items:		Person responsible:	Deadline:
Agenda Item: 4	Biodiversity Specialist Group/Planning Working Group	Presenter:	MB/PC
Discussion:	<p>A proposal to create a function that the Biodiversity Group could provide. Biodiversity opportunity map created for ecological networks.</p> <p>PB – mapping group for energy, water, digital needs ecology. New group established not yet met. Offer for the LNP to sit on that group. MB to talk to PB about Group membership. GLA infrastructure tool.</p> <p>JT – agree that there may be certain areas that it would be very helpful.</p> <p>RM – agreed that a good idea but also need ecological mapping.</p> <p>RW – gave a cautionary response in response to work of Herts LNP. Need some guidance on what the LNP will respond to. A need for a structure to take forward</p>		

	<p>sustainably. What capacity does the partner organisations have now?</p> <p>SS – agreed good idea.</p> <p>MK – support the idea.</p> <p>BB – could the other working groups feed into the Biodiversity/Planning Group.</p>		
Action Items:		Person Responsible:	Deadline:
	1. MB/PC to draft guidance notes	PC/MB	End of May
Agenda Item: 5	Consultations, Planning and Road Schemes	Presenter:	All
Discussion:	<p>The LNP is currently being invited to comment on the following policy documents, development and road schemes. We need a set of guidelines to determine which of these it is critical for us to make a formal response and how to LNP sign off.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultation on the draft revised text of the National Planning Policy Framework. - Health and Harmony: the future for food, farming and the environment in a Green Brexit - Cambridge South East Transport Study - East Wisbech BCP - Final Draft for comment and consultation - Public Consultation on Great Abington Former Land Settlement Association Estate Neighbourhood Plan - A47 Sutton to Wansford Improvement <p>Planning policy at a local level/strategic sites/standardised responses to set out what the LNP want from strategic schemes. We've seen your proposals can you tell me how you will respond.</p> <p>Need to prepare a standard response.</p> <p>Need to make sure we don't duplicate with other areas of work.</p> <p>PC/MB/BB/ to look at and draft some guidance</p>		
Action Items:		Person Responsible:	Deadline:
	1. PC/MB/BB to draft guidance document	PC	June
Agenda Item: 5	National LNP Conference – Tuesday 12th June	Presenter:	RA

Discussion:	The conference will be an all-day event, in London with main focus on LNPs sharing knowledge/experience and exploring LNPs' role in 25 YEP delivery. The day will be made up of a number of key speakers, whole group discussion of relevant topics and time for questions and answers. PC/MB to attend		
Action items:			
	1. PC to make bookings		
Agenda item 10	Guest speakers: Emma Fletcher (Smithson Hill and Sam Davis (Cambridge Residents Association) gave a presentation on the concept of a 1000 acre wood to the south east of Cambridge		
Discussion:			
Action items:			
Agenda Item:11	Dates for 2018 Meetings	PC	
	Tuesday 17 th July – to be held at Nene Park Tuesday 16 th October –RSPB Welches Dam Visitor Centre, to be followed by site visit/walk to look at habitat creation works at Coveney.		