

Natural Cambridgeshire Board meeting	12/4/16
	10.00am – 12.00
	Held at the Thornhill Estates, Diddington

Chaired by:	Richard Astle (Chair)	Note taker:	Philip Clark (Coordinator)
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Attendees:	Richard Astle (RA) Chair Oliver Burke Vice Chair Phil Clark (PC) LNP Coordinator Roger Buisson (RB) Local Access Forum John Torlesse (JT) Natural England David Whiles (DW) Health Watch Peterborough Edmund Thornhill (ET) CLBA/Thornhill Estates Cllr Matthew Shuter (MS) Cambridgeshire County Council David Hoccom(DH) RSPB Lawrence Wragg (LW) Council for the Protection for Rural England Carly Leonard (CL) Peterborough Environment City Trust Katy Anderson (KA) Country Land and Business Association Chris Soans (CS) National Trust Matthew Bradbury (MB) Nene Park Trust Rob Wise (RW) National Farmers Union Martin Baker (MB) Wildlife Trust BCN Katy Anderson (KA) CLA Guest: Simon Fairhall, Chief Executive of Living Sport
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Apologies	Roger Mitchell Cambridge Conservation Forum Cllr Nigel North Peterborough City Council Mary Sanders Cambridgeshire Local Access Forum
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Minutes

Agenda Item: 1	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Presenter:	RA
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Discussion:	A welcome was made to new members: - Matthew Bradbury, Chief Executive for Nene Park Trust - Roger Buisson, Vice Chair for the Cambridgeshire Local Access Forum (deputising for Mary Sanders CLAF)
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Action Items:	Person Responsible	Deadline:

Agenda Item: 2	Minutes of last meeting	Presenter:	RA
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Discussion:	
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Cambridge City Deal – PC gave an update. Meetings have been held with City Deal Team and it has been agreed to draft an ‘Environmental Protocols’ agreement between the two organisations. It was also agreed that a member of the City Deal Team should be invited to join the Building with Nature Theme group.

A sub-group also to be set up to include the Ecologists from County Council, South Cambs DC and Cambridge City along with a rep from the DEFRA partners.

Action Items:		Person Responsible:	Deadline:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulate draft environment protocol document to Board • Send invite to join Building with Nature group • Send key documents on economic of natural environment to Tanya Sheridan 	PC PC PC	

Agenda item: 3	LNP Themes update	Presenter:	MB/PC/JT/
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Discussion:	
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Developing with Nature – As per the separate update table.

Naturally Healthy - As per the separate update table Rob Wise mentioned the number of farmers now diversifying into Care Farming.

State of Nature – As per the separate update table. Discussion took place around whether there is a template along the lines of the national state of nature report and should we adopt it for ours? More thought needed on who our ‘audience’ is for the report. Also worth looking at the Red List revival website <http://redlistrevival.org/> and how it might fit in with our work. The title ‘State of Nature’ was also discussed and whether it sends the right message. An alternative will be considered.

Community Green Spaces Network – As per the separate update table.

Communications Plan – No update received. However promotional events attended include; Cambridge Science Festival where JT gave a presentation on the LNP. The launch of the CCI, David Attenborough in Cambridge. These events have also been posted on Twitter.

Action items:		Person Responsible:	Deadline:
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send invite and meeting dates for the Developing with Nature group to City Deal Team • Make contact with a good example of Care Farm in Cambridgeshire • Invite Louise Bacon to attend a future State of Nature group meeting 	PC RW PC	
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Agenda item: 4	Nature Improvement Areas – to discuss the potential for a Cambridgeshire NIA	Presenter:	OB/MB
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Discussion:	
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OB gave a brief presentation on the background and process on the creation of the Nene Valley NIA. See <http://wp.me/P3V1bF-1Q> for full presentation. There was discussion around a number of points including; Do NIA’s tend to suck in funding from surrounding area to their detriment? The overall response was that the opposite has been seen to happen. The Board agreed to set up an NIA Sub-group to develop a paper on potential for other candidate NIA sites in Cambridgeshire, in time for the July Board meeting. The following Board Members offered their involvement in this group; OB, RW, RM, DH, KA.

Action items:		Person responsible:	Deadline:
	Set up NIA sub group and draft paper for other candidate sites.	OB	
Agenda item: 5	Living Sport presentation by Simon Fairhall	Presenter:	SF
Discussion:	<p>Simon Fairhall, Chief Executive for Living Sport gave a presentation on the work of Living Sport and potential for closer working; especially on the naturally healthy agenda following the launch of the Government strategy “Sporting Future: A New Strategy for an Active Nation – December 2015”. Full document here https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/486622/Sporting_Future_ACCESSIBLE.pdf</p> <p>“In order to deliver the most for this sector, Sport England will need to work with organisations it has not traditionally worked with on outdoor recreation. It will also need to bring together partnerships to deliver the broader objectives set out in this strategy as well as helping to build the capacity within this sector” (p25)</p> <p>Simon’s presentation can be found here http://wp.me/P3VlbF-1Q</p>		
Action items:		Person responsible:	Deadline:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upload presentation to website • National Governing Bodies of Sport Networking Day Thursday 7th July 2016, Lakeside, Ferry Meadows 	PC PC	
Agenda Item: 6	B-Lines Project update	Presenter:	PC
Discussion:	<p>Rob Wise and I recently attended a Buglife B-lines workshop in Saffron Walden to discuss potential “B-lines” for Cambridgeshire.</p> <p><i>“The Government’s National Pollinator Strategy 2014 sets out a 10 year plan to help pollinating insects survive and thrive across England. It outlines actions to support and protect the many pollinating insects which contribute to our food production and the diversity of our environment. Many of the Strategy’s actions are about expanding food, shelter and nest sites across all types of land so that our 1500 pollinator species can survive and thrive. In addition it promotes the need for “more, bigger, better, joined-up, diverse and high-quality flower-rich habitats (including nesting places and shelter) supporting our pollinators across the country”. Buglife’s B-Lines Initiative is already showing the way! Working with partners across the country we are demonstrating how a joined-up approach can help conserve our native insect pollinators.”</i></p>		

<p>More information can be found here on the B-Lines webpages.</p> <p>The outcome of the workshop is a interactive map: http://www.maplango.com/b-lines-final-review/</p> <p>The next steps, once the final maps are circulated, are: to work together to make work happen on the ground!</p>			
Action Items:		Person Responsible:	Deadline:

Agenda Item:7	Events Programme for 2016 – Agree programme of Knowledge Sharing Visits	Presenter:	PC
Discussion:	<p>A number of potential site visits were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grow Places (Cambridge) Tuesday 31st June 12.30 to 2.00pm • RSPB Needingworth Tuesday 12th July 2.30pm to 4.30pm • Trumpington CP Wednesday 10th August 12.30pm to 2.00pm • October 		
Action Items:		Person Responsible:	Deadline:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm dates and sites for programme 	PC	

Agenda Item:	Date and venue for next meetings	Presenter:	
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 12th July 2016 at RSPB Needingworth from 12pm to 2pm. Followed by Site tour around the nature reserve • Tuesday 11th October 2016 – venue tbc 		
Action Items:		Person Responsible:	Deadline: