

Natural Cambridgeshire Board Meeting		Tuesday 16 th April 2019	
		10.00am – 12.30	
		Venue: Environment Agency, Bromholme Lane, Brampton PE28 4NE	
Chaired by:	Matthew Bradbury (MB)	Note taker:	Gabriella Yeomans (GY)
Attendees:	Matthew Bradbury (MB) Phil Clark (PC) Roger Mitchell (RM) James Littlewood (JL) Mary Sanders (MS) Mark Nokkert (MN) Stewart Keeble (SK) Cameron Adams (CA) Sian Williams (SW) John Torlesse (JT) Rebecca Britten (RB) Laurence Wragg (LW) Julia Beeden Sarah Smith (SS) Cllr Martin Cahn (MC) Cllr Pippa Heylings (PH) Cllr Katie Thornburrow (KT) Cllr Lina Nieto (LN) Nick Sanders (NS) Board member Peter Landshoff Richard Kay	Nene Park Trust LNP Coordinator Cambridge Conservation Forum Cambridge Past Present and Future Cambridgeshire Local Access Forum Cambridgeshire ACRE Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Public Health Environment Agency Wildlife Trust BCN Natural England Urban & Civic CPRE Cambridgeshire County Council National Trust South Cambridgeshire District Council South Cambridgeshire District Council Cambridge City Council Cambridgeshire County Council Woodland trust/ Peterborough City Cllr/PECT Cambridge University Peterborough City Council/East Cambs DC	
Apologies	Richard Astle (RA) Rob Wise (RW) Adrian Cannard (AC) Ben Brown (BB) Carly Leonard (CL) Darren Sharpe (DS) Cllr Irene Walsh (IW) Rachel Brooks (RB) Emma Reynolds (ER) Martin Baker (MB)	Athene Communications (Chair) National Farmers Union Cllr Lina Joseph (LJ) Combined Authority Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Public Health PECT Peterborough City Council Peterborough City Council Countryside landowners Association Groundwork Wildlife Trust BCN	
Agenda Item:	Minutes and actions from last meeting	Presenter:	MB
Discussion:	There was one outstanding action that related to RA setting up a meeting with Paul Raynes, the new Strategy and Assurance Director at Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority. This was now covered through a meeting between Dan Thorpe and Adrian Cannard due to be held during May 2019		
Action Items:		Person Responsible	Deadline:

Agenda Item:	Cambridgeshire Habitat Opportunity Mapping – presentation from Sian Williams. https://tinyurl.com/y4h4t56g	Presenter:	SW
Discussion:	<p>Project so far has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produced a detailed habitat map of the whole of Cambridgeshire Use mapping data from 1930's and compare to what we have now Opportunities and potential areas to create a new habitat Use OS data base map and compare with number of different data sources (County wildlife sites, SSSI etc.). - used the best available data (accurate as possible) Cambridgeshire is about 70% conservation habitat, 4.8% woodland (all categories), 2% water etc. Historical Comparison - slightly different comparisons (e.g. did not map ditches). Quite a few orchards mapped back in 1930s. Considerable difference between the two maps - a lot less grassland/ little to no orchards. (77,000ha of natural grassland has been lost since 1930). Woodland has increased (87%). Looked at 3 main habitat sites (grassland, woodland and water network) - how well connected are they? <p>Next Step - 3 things</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add information about existing strategies (already existing opportunities Great Fen projects etc.) Ground truthing - best thing to do is - areas of particular change best places to investigate Eco-system services - NFM, Air quality management, green spaces - map demand is. 		
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1. Slides from the meeting to be shared via website		GY	End of April

Agenda item:	Local Natural Capital Investment Planning – presentation from Cameron Adams https://tinyurl.com/y5nber6r	Presenter:	CA
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key commitment to Government 25yr Environment Plan Common threat - important to both Public and Private sectors Providing and ensuring local solutions to development For the growth arc (Ox - Cam) Provide an arc wide process and mapping for natural capital and lead the way for other local nature capital plans Want to engage with local partnerships/and wide range of stakeholders Aiming to deliver - type, condition, opportunities, prioritising which areas need to be protected and enhanced. Next steps - workshops will be held Local Natural capital investment planning - finalised in January - report has only just been published The challenge - existing arrangements are not working to protect the 		

natural area.

- Business and financial sector are not being engaged in the funding for the natural environment
- A lot of funding opportunities
- Invest in pipeline of potential projects - green or blue infrastructure and SuDs
- Recognise the interface between private and public sector does not exist at the moment and create supportive financial. - providing specialist skills and can invest money into NCP

NCP and opportunity mapping make us in a very good place.

Questions

- Cllr KT - registers reference, concerns me - registering the nature - NC everywhere. CA - very much bottom up
- NS - OX-cam - GROWTH ARC - one thing we are involved in joint project - trying to create a natural vision for the growth arc - if we are going to have a process these projects (NCP and opportunity mapping) are brought together at some point.
- Cllr PH - industrial strategy need to be considered and therefore we can build on it. CA - have a meeting with Dan Thorpe and can suggest this to him, might not be able to re-shape it... May be too late.
- SK - who is pulling the workshop together - CA - cross DEFRA/EA team - intention is to speak to everyone that needs to be involved.
- PL - interface between Private and Public sector doesn't exist - real challenge is how do we do this? CA - had workshops and meetings with finance and business sectors - focus on you can create funding opportunities which are local risk and therefore attractive to these sectors.
- RB - interested in a conversation in investment portfolio - help understand how these investment opportunities are articulated - Useful voice to help
- RM confirmed that AC was very keen we use the NSSP need look at different forms of investment to do this - going to need a few conversations to get this at a high level
- Cllr MC - cannot see this working - good case studies to prepare how this will work are there any available - CA - Farmers are one example of this join up. Martin - private is the one I am struggling with - they need a pay back.
- Cllr PH - South Cambs are now meeting with DEFRA and therefore South Cambs takes a NCP for the arc on board - there are constituent parts that can be used within and from here take this and look at board meeting agenda on how to take this forward.
- JB - with all different combined authorizes and how they are linked - looking at transport teams - cross cutting method that is missing - different consultant doing different parts - and the integration is missing.
- NS is not able to control all these aspects and need political support
- RB - positive outcome - there is a risk and opportunities and provide solutions for them and how these things are joined together.

Action - a lot of people were interested in attending the workshop mentioned

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1. MB - working group representing LNP for Natural Capital Investment Plan to help CA. - Phil, RB, MB, Martin (depending on time restraints) are all willing to be involved 2. Slides to be shared via website		GY	
Agenda Item :	The Cambridgeshire Life Map – presentation from Edward Darling (Redlist Revival)	Presenter:	ED
Discussion:	<p>Evolution of life map started with Ecology - came part of the conservation society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brexit and western world issues brought into perspective - sustainable life, democracy strengthening/ connection between societies. • Blue Map - very complicated, global map working on based around the 24hr clock. Use 10k grid squares as centre of community and put every City/Town/PARISH into each grid square. • A lot of issue is where people fit into the world - including mental health • At a community level been able to look at data maps and put them into this format. • Converted all the headline graphs into a graphic a value and Cambridgeshire has 33 communities and top ten species. Been able to give communities a list of those species which they are responsible for. • Base line for these communities to contact the expertise and how they can help and benefit. Net biodiversity gain - information awareness systems in place - endorsed by government etc. • Bench maker systems and can calibrate these systems with a range of communities. • Evaluation systems for the wider project. • Life on land - landholders registering interested and private/public interest/NGOs. 120,000 ha currently registered. • Report back to communities with a level of a good communication • Sustainable life indicators - easier to relate to. All goals refer to ecosystems - introduce humans (primary sector) - electricity and infrastructure (Secondary structure) • Increasing engagement of society - understand changes are going to be made - put it in a format that is understandable - public domain and data - element of trust • Ecosystem services - make reference for everyone and easy to understand - provide £1000 to provide the land map - entry point to enquire • Sustainable development cost refers back to Ecosystem Services <p>Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin - what is the reason to change these platforms - Edward Darling- they are the same, just changed them to make them easier to use work with wider community - Ed - using 10k grid squares, use this system and provide the reporting in terms of bird numbers or air quality report to communities with an interactive website. • Ed -People in communities - taking responsibilities 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stewart - external data from a range of partnerships, was that not difficult - ED - all datasets are there, people have buried it. Link the two together these will work - Stewart - brought in a sent up the ranks - ED - 10k grid square gets over the issue of data protection, taking to public health England food requirement/availability , got all these datasets can be abstracted. Realise it involves them and affects them. Stewart - interesting with these relationship and looking at it from that perspective. ED- Pockets of areas that are deprived, helping people get over this. • RB - do you have a list of these datasets - trying to think how it works in the 10k datasets - ED - can send you the material which the datasets have been based on. • RB - raised concerns on how this fits into our priorities.
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1. LNP members to consider if they will contribute £1,000 towards the Cambridgeshire Life Map		All LNP members	
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Agenda Item :	Working Group Updates	Presenter:	
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Discussion:	<p><u>Future Parks Project</u> Meetings with FPA going forward - high level, cannot say much about it – need to discuss budgets - have to be a bit vague. Formal announcements are early June - presentation to the July Board</p> <p><u>Fens Biosphere</u> Wildlife Trust has been very successful - getting £1m for lottery - for wetlands farms options in the Fens - Edible crops will be a first in the UK. In 2022 have a biosphere designated in the Fens (including Norfolk and SUFFOLK) 2 year development phase – OxCam ARC is delivering on behalf of the WT. Going to be a great opportunity. Thinking about the future of the fen - sustainable, land management, farming, tourism etc.</p> <p><u>Developing with Nature Toolkit</u> Developing with Nature - very successful workshop with range of developers - additional members to join the panel - another event 16th May in Peterborough. Invites have gone out to that (50 people) - engaging different scale developers and extend the tool kit. Next developer’s panels is 16th May - talking about the toolkits. Working on WT - how can we help? Very good session on how to contact - looking at Alconbury etc. - social prescribing can help with developers - different work streams seems to take on responsibility. Need to think about how the Healthy Towns initiative fits with this work? Also need to find out the progress on the Quality charter and if the LNP can input?</p> <p><u>Naturally Healthy</u> 50 people attended - very successful - really good event - a lot of energy - need to be talking to each other - how do we take this forward - trying to organise working group - what are the opportunities - how do we link people in communities - might not be able creating new things. Action - how do we take this forward?</p> <p><u>Future for Nature/Doubling nature: A Shared Vision</u></p>		
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	<p>Talks about publication - this vision is already been slotted into NSSP - has already been used. - group of us are working on indies - 10yr plan to improve nature infrastructure - how are we going to monitor progress in the next 50yrs. - Cllr PH and Cllr KH - Have put the paper forward to their councils and both are happy to support it - put date of approval at the bottom of the paper. Final Version by Thursday - thanks to roger for doing this</p> <p><u>Biodiversity & GI Strategy</u> Opportunity mapping (talked about above) - GI strategy looking at particular priorities at detail. - promote GI and Opportunity as one thing – biodiversity net gain, based on and developing using the Warwickshire model - like to promote at two levels that work together - been in discussion from Natural England looking at GI and are developing a set of GI and what there is, how much is needed and when do we need it.</p> <p><u>Planning Policy</u> AC - Just to say that the draft of the Vision lead by Roger is being slotted into the emerging spatial framework of the Combined Authority. As you know there is also a section on Water issues being developed by partners? I am off the rest of his week but I hope to have a version of that chapter to circulate next week. The intention is for the framework to go to Combined Authority Board on 29th May.</p>
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1. Fens Biosphere presentation for the for the next Board meeting 2.		MK	

Agenda Item :	Next steps for the LNP – discussion of attached paper from Richard Astle	Presenter:	
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Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr PH - do additional call for Natural Capital - know who is interested in putting sites - looking at mixture of objectives. • Richards Paper - suggested a work program - looking at work structure - should we become a charity? Need to look at other options? • Benefits and challenges - one benefit would be able to raise funds more easily - more challenges over one of the ways we operate - ability to be quick off the mark - broad support in terms of becoming more established • Many organisation have made donations - helping to bridge some gaps - can some organisation make donation for the next financial year and go towards funding and opportunities. Finances are low. • Need to start looking at where we can look next for funding? AND the future of the LNP. • RK LW are happy to support Richard’s Paper. <p>Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA - should look at other LNP are doing in terms of funding - useful to look at how they are doing this.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RB - quick mapping exercise whom can fund what? As we are a range of organisation from private/public. Urban and Civic can provide PR support for the event. 		
Action items:	1. Media event(s) for the 'Doubling Nature' launch - who is going to organise this event?	Person Responsible:	Deadline:
Agenda item:	AOB	Presenter:	
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nick Sandford - I am attending these meetings in my Woodland Trust capacity but I am also a Peterborough city councillor and a board member of Peterborough Environment City Trust. This recorded in the minutes, in the interests of transparency. • Set up a working group for South Cambs Tree funding bid • JB raised the point that a discussion is needed around future funding of the Coordinator role and amount of PC time now being spent on management of the LNP 		
Action:		Person responsible:	Deadline:
Agenda item:	Dates and venues for 2019	Presenter:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 16th (Tuesday) – The Langdyke Trust • October 15th (Tuesday) - Wandlebury Country Park 		