

<b>Natural Cambridgeshire Board Meeting</b>		<b>Date: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019</b>	
		<b>Time: 10.30am – 12.00</b>	
		<b>Venue: Education Centre, Wandlebury County Park, CB22 3AE</b>	
<b>Chaired by:</b>	Richard Astle (RA)	<b>Note taker:</b>	Gabriella Yeomans (GY)
<b>Attendees:</b>	Richard Astle- Chair (RA) Matthew Bradbury – Vice Chair (MB) Philip Clark (PC) Gabriella Yeomans (GY) Cameron Adams (CA) Mary Sanders (MS) Rob Bakewell (RB) Andrew Chapman (AC) Roger Mitchell (RM) Cllr Pippa Heylings (PH) Cllr Martin Cahn Martin Baker (MB) James Littlewood (JL) John Torlesse (JT) Peter Landshoff (PL) Rob Wise (RW) Adrian Cannard (AC) Mark Nokkert (MN) Sarah Smith (SS) Rob Wise (RW)		Athene Communications Nene Park Trust LNP Coordinator Cambridgeshire County Council Environment Agency Local Access Forum Environment Agency Environment Agency Cambridge Conservation Forum South Cambridgeshire District Council South Cambridgeshire District Council Wildlife Trust BNC Cambridge Past Present and Future Natural England Cambridge University National Farmers Union Combined Authority Cambridgeshire ACRE National Trust National Farmers Union
<b>Apologies</b>	Julia Beeden Carly Leonard (CL) Darren Sharpe (DS) Cllr Irene Walsh (IW) Rachel Brooks (RB) Emma Reynolds (ER) Rebecca Britten (RB) Laurence Wragg (LW) Nick Sanders (NS)  Richard Kay		Cambridgeshire County Council PECT Peterborough City Council Peterborough City Council Countryside landowners Association Groundwork Urban & Civic CPRE Woodland Trust/ Peterborough City Cllr/PECT Board member Peterborough City Council/East Cambs DC

### Minutes

<b>Agenda Item: 1</b>	<b>Welcome, introductions and apologies</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>	Matthew Bradbury (MB)
<b>Discussion:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Apologies from Richard who was stuck in traffic and therefore will be joining us late.</li> <li>- Thank you for James Littlewood for hosting this LNP Board Meeting</li> </ul>		

<b>Agenda Item: 2</b>	<b>Minutes and actions from the last meeting</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>	Matthew Bradbury (MB)
<b>Discussion:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GY has shared the presentation slides and are available on the website</li> <li>- The Cambridgeshire Life Map action has been left amended due to limited funds</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There will be a Fens Biosphere presentation at the next meeting (?)</li> <li>- All the actions for the Doubling Nature Launch have now been completed.</li> </ul>		
<b>Action Items:</b>	<b>No actions to be carried forward</b>	<b>Person Responsible:</b>	<b>Deadline:</b>

<b>Agenda item: 3</b>	<b>Water Resources in Cambridgeshire (River Cam and chalk streams)</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>	<b>Stephan Tomkins</b>
<b>Discussion:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There are copies of the leaflet given out on the water resources in Cambridgeshire website.</li> <li>- ST is looking for more volunteers, this is a forum and community with a common interest in the river.</li> <li>- General overview of the forum representation will be available on the slides, these include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o General information on the River Cam</li> <li>o Greatest concerns and threats</li> <li>o Risk to Biodiversity</li> <li>o Correlation of rainfall and groundwater</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Environment Agency (EA - Environment Planning Team) response – <b>RB &amp; AC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- These issues were inherited and the EA are very aware of these impacts, with Chalk Rivers being a focus.</li> <li>- There are a range of issues including dry winters, environmental and agricultural drought, abstraction by water companies and other users (the EA regulates these), growth, leakage and personal consumption of water.</li> <li>- These things that have come to light, we are/ plan to interact with abstraction stakeholders and water companies and we don't have a regulatory function without yourselves. This would be great to share information with each other, by starting a workshop. We would welcome interest in forming an NGO Focus Group and intend to host an NGO workshop to share information and views on steps we can take to address the complex range of issues. (Note: whilst in purdah we are restricted on our engagement).</li> <li>- Everyone is encouraged to participate in the 3rd River Basin Management Plan consultation which was recently launched, called 'Challenges and Choices'. Your views are important and will help us make the case for water company investment to make environmental improvements.</li> </ul>		
<b>Action items:</b>		<b>Person Responsible:</b>	<b>Deadline:</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Invitation - would like to offer by putting together an NGO focus group.</li> <li>2. LNP and each member organisation to provide a response to the water management plans consultation.</li> <li>3. To raise this issue through the Policy Forum</li> <li>4. The LNP to push this message forward</li> </ol>		All LNP members All LNP members Peter Landshoff Martin Baker & Peter Landshoff	January 2020

<b>Agenda item: 4</b>	<b>District Licensing for great-crested newts/bats</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>	<b>Gareth Dalglish/</b>
<b>Discussion:</b>	Richard Astle has declared commercial interest on this agenda item. Next steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Really keen to meet with the contacts in the LPA across Cambridgeshire</li> <li>- Work across the 7 LPAs - traditional licencing will continue to be available</li> </ul> RM went to a meeting in Essex to discuss this new district licensing, questioning the applicability to small scale/single developments regarding cost savings? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Make this suitable for small/medium/ large developments</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Process of continual improvements – getting certainty and no delay</li> </ul> <p>Cllr PH asks ‘how do we use this shared services in terms of planning?’ the opportunity to look into new schemes and how the LPAs generate the needed funded? A business plan is just being written.</p> <p>MB – we would like someone from Natural England and Natural Spaces and have a combine meeting with the LPAs.</p> <p>JT - how was take this opportunity maps and how these align across Cambridgeshire, is there opportunity to reflect and adapt at a local level?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maps are really important for nature recovery going forward</li> <li>- We have consultation on the draft map, there is the opportunity to consult on this map.</li> </ul>		
<b>Action items:</b>		<b>Person responsible:</b>	<b>Deadline:</b>
<b>1. Martin and LA Ecology officers to set up a meeting with Natural England</b>		Martin Baker	

<b>Agenda item: 5</b>	<b>Ox-Cam Growth Corridor update</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>	Chris Bowden
<b>Discussion:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All LNPs that can be effected had a workshop - map to draw opportunities for conservation and funding</li> <li>- Number of projects that can run between Northamptonshire and Cambridgeshire.</li> <li>- Identified areas between that are green space corridors and areas for conservation</li> <li>- Funding for up to 5 large scale projects for the each LNPs - put forward into spending for 2020 review</li> <li>- For 5 scale projects please see the presentations</li> </ul> <p>RA – Thanking CB for all his hard work and time put into this project. The idea to set up land funds and offsetting funds and this is the exact direction we would like to go in, we do need to make sure these are well socialised.</p>		
<b>Action items:</b>	<b>No Actions carried forward</b>	<b>Person responsible:</b>	<b>Deadline:</b>

<b>Agenda Item: 6</b>	<b>Local Nature Capital Investment Plan updates</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>	Cameron Adams & Peter Landshoff
<b>Discussion:</b>	<p>Two Option, which are not set in stone:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Start small with a pilot plan, this links to existing works and needs to be mapped out who to speak to from different organisations.</li> <li>- Go big, clear vision. Ownership by the LNP and combined authority.</li> <li>- Recommendation is that we should be doing something similar, talk to big companies and push this forward. Talk to the finance directors with a strong ask. There is a workshop to organise 'case for investment' – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019.</li> <li>- Links to wider health agenda and farming/agriculture and to look beyond traditional routes of funding.</li> <li>- Planning system needs to be included and this work is supporting by local planning policies</li> <li>- Very important we establish links with local business.</li> <li>- Would like to propose to come back in January and discuss this further with all the points above.</li> </ul> <p>RA – A lot of developers are thinking of purchasing the land themselves and maintain the land on their balance sheets.</p> <p>CA – This would also allow local business to offset their carbon, this is a good point to</p>		

	consider from business point of view.		
<b>Action Items:</b>		<b>Person Responsible:</b>	<b>Deadline:</b>
1. <b>Bring all the work above, Ox/Cam and Defra natural capital plan together, to create an easily understood delivery plan with funding streams.</b>		Cameron Adams, John Torlesse and Chris Bowden	

<b>Agenda Item: 7</b>	<b>Working Group Updates</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>	
<b>Discussion:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fens Biosphere <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mapping is the key the boundaries need to be finalised. 18th December - consultation of the mapping.</li> <li>- Sharping key stakeholder, events lined up within the next two years. Comments on the next version to improve this draft.</li> <li>- Creating new website.</li> <li>- April 2020 - soft launch for Biosphere vision.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Mark Nokkert/John Torlesse	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing with Nature Toolkit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meeting in November - main focus to recognise good practise and the toolkit needs to involve.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Martin Baker/Becca Britton	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future Park Project Instead of £1.4m got £750,000. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working toward permission to start form, sorting out governance, milestone, developing the themes and exec board and project team.</li> <li>- Also developing a members groups and looking to organise an event for them before Christmas.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Phil Clark/Oliver Burke	
<b>Action Items:</b>		<b>Person Responsible:</b>	<b>Deadline:</b>
1. <b>Send all relevant information mentioned above to board</b> 2. <b>A need to cross reference all workshop invitations with other workstreams</b>		Phil Clark	
<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GI Standards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Remind people at Natural England were asked by DEFRA to get new standards for GI.</li> <li>- Framework of principles supported by guidance.</li> <li>- DEFRA want to put this into practice and especially in Greater Cambridgeshire.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<b>Action Items:</b>		<b>Person Responsible:</b>	<b>Deadline:</b>

1. Circulate the important information mentioned above	John Torlesse	
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<b>Agenda Item: 8</b>	<b>Next steps for Natural Cambridgeshire</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>	Richard Astle
<b>Discussion:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Time has come to establish Natural Cambridgeshire as a legal entity as a CIO.</li> <li>- Gives us the structures going forward to drive a few of the project, needs a legal structure to advance them.</li> <li>- Allows to bid for grants and employ people.</li> <li>- Provide resource at the centre</li> <li>- Would need to dissolve the organisational structure and create a trustee model (board based on this).</li> <li>- This meeting to become a forum, meet twice a year and give updates</li> </ul>		
<b>Action Items:</b>		<b>Person Responsible:</b>	<b>Deadline:</b>
No actions carried forward			

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Meeting dates and venues for 2020:

Tuesday 14th January - Meeting room in Natural England P'boro office

Tuesday 14th April – venue to be confirmed

Tuesday 14th July – venue to be confirmed

Tuesday 13th October – venue to be confirmed