

Natural Cambridgeshire Board Meeting	Date: Tuesday 14th January 2020		
	Time: 10am – 13.30pm		
	Venue: Natural England's P'boro office, Suite D Unex House Bourges Boulevard, Peterborough PE1 1NG		

Chaired by:	Richard Astle (RA)	Note taker:	Gabriella Yeomans (GY)
Attendees:	Richard Astle- Chair (RA) Matthew Bradbury – Vice Chair (MB) Philip Clark (PC) Gabriella Yeomans (GY) Cllr Irene Walsh (Cllr IW) Cllr Martin Cahn (Cllr MC) Mary Sanders (MS) Roger Mitchell (RM) Cameron Adams (CA) Emily Bolton (EB) Darren Sharpe (DS) Rebecca Britton (RB) Rob Wise (RW) Shaun Travis-Healey (ST) Victoria Stacey (VS) Sarah Ferriss (SF) Oliver Burke (OB) Mark Nokkert (MN) Nick Sandford (NS) Chris Bowden (CB) Prof Peter Lansford (PL) Cllr Katie Thornburrow (Cllr KT) John Torlesse (JT) Matthew Bradbury – Vice Chair James Littlewood		Athene Communications Nene Park Trust LNP Coordinator Cambridgeshire County Council Peterborough City Council South Cambridgeshire Cambridgeshire Local Access Forum Cambridgeshire Conservation Forum Environment Agency Cambridgeshire County Council Peterborough City Council Urban and Civic National Farmers Union CPRE Cambridgeshire County Council Cambridgeshire County Council Nene Park Trust Cambridgeshire ACRE Woodland Trust Cambridge University Cambridge City Council Natural England Nene Park Trust Cambridge Past Present and Future
Apologies	Julia Beeden Martin Baker Hannah Ward Cllr Pippa Heylings Stuart Dawks	Cambridgeshire County Council Wildlife Trust BCN RSPB South Cambridgeshire District Council PECT	

Minutes

Agenda Item: 1	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Presenter:	RA
Discussion:	RA discussed the future of Natural Cambridgeshire is heading as the Local Nature Partnership, this has been a very successful 2019 in terms of getting Natural Cambridgeshire established and have started to receive consultations requests. An objectives and future ambitions documents has been launched, with a number of themed working groups, including; Naturally Healthy and Doubling Nature. The next steps for 2020-21 are delivering the outcomes and moving forward with our objectives, putting these into delivery phases (our role is to provide the framework and coherence of delivery of our objectives and agree a strategic direction)		

Agenda Item: 2	Minutes and actions from last meeting	Presenter:	RA
Discussion:	- Water Resources east are holding a conference this afternoon to address the water resources situation as discussed at the last LNP meeting.		
Action Items:	Reminder for LNP members to comment on	Person	Deadline: 24/4/2020

	the EA River Basin Management Plans consultation https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/environment-and-business/challenges-and-choices/	Responsible:	
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Agenda item: 3	Cambridgeshire County Council Climate Change and Environment Strategy Consultation	Presenter:	EB
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Discussion:	<p>EB presented the Cambridgeshire County Council Climate Change and Environment Strategy (CCES) with the main aim of discuss the consultation period (20th December 2019 – 31st January 2020). Cambridgeshire County Council have declared a Climate Change and Environment emergency, which led to the commitment of this strategy. The evidence presented in the Strategy has been put together by University of Cambridge and in house by the energy investment team, this included gathering information to provide evidence on the Council Carbon Footprints. The full report is available here - https://consultcamb.s.uk.engagementhq.com/climate-strategy</p> <p><u>Discussion</u> – There was a very detailed discussion following EB presentation on the Climate Change and Environment Strategy, these are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scenario testing, as zero carbon footprint cannot be reached by 2050, this involves not going back and testing scenarios. - Tree planting only on county land, this was agreed as the County Council can proceed with this action. - Food/Diet, as this is a single person preference this has not been included (SCDC & Combined Authority are looking into this). - Cambridgeshire Peatland – currently the University of Cambridge are putting a conference together to discuss this further (May). - SCDC tree planting project, an officer has been appointed to work one day a week on this project. The County Council were unsure of this project, however this is an example of bringing the districts together and distributing across the county. - Involving the Parish Council, Cambridgeshire County Council has already been involved. Eg. Buckden Parish Council held a workshop. - Avoid duplication of projects - Enabling infrastructure and influencing individuals to play an active role. - Supplementary Planning Documents, putting policies into place and encouraging more sustainable behaviour. - Empowering communities to make a difference. - Retrofitting existing stock and challenges being faced by developers. - Transport being the highest commission contributing, this is not apparent in the action plan. <p>Any further comments please use the link. Presentation available on the Natural Cambridgeshire Website.</p>		
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Action items:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LNP members to comments on the Climate Change and Environment Strategy. - Consider how the LNP, Farming & Diets can form a sub-group. 	Person Responsible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LNP Board Members - Cllr KT, RA & RW 	Deadline: - 31/01/2020
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Agenda item: 4	CIO Registration for Natural Cambridgeshire	Presenter:	RA
Discussion:	<p>RA started the discussion on CIO Registration for Natural Cambridgeshire, the following key points were made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Natural Cambridgeshire does not own land and therefore it would be our partners to deliver the projects. - Key issues still need to be address, including ‘Doubling Nature’, ‘Habitat Loss and Creation’. - Doubling Nature Imitative to be embedded in planning policies and SPDs, with CA, PL, and CB currently working very hard on this initiative. - Recognise best practice and celebrate success. - Don’t lose sight of our relation to health and keep the ball rolling, flowing into the FPA project. <p>The LNP members discuss the objectives presented by RA, the following points were the main points of discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The LNP needs to make sure there is a conversation between interested parties. - The LNP members would like to see how the objectives& principles are translated on the ground. - LNP members to think about the objectives and the big opportunities with other authorities and organisation. - Natural Cambridgeshire will be reviewing memberships. - Natural Cambridgeshire to look at other LNPs and what they are doing and shaping themselves, need to think about structure. - Encouraging Parish Council to let land go and let nature take over. - Submit an application to Charity Commission to become a CIO. - The current LNP members group will become a wider member’s forum (need to decide to meet quarterly or 6months). <p>There needs to be a continued discussion on political input and who will sit on the board. The LNP will also be writing to each statutory partnership for bids.</p>		
Action items:	To finalise the application and then circulate to the LNP board for comments/reviews.	Person responsible: RA & RM	Deadline: By end of February

Agenda item: 5	Working Group Updates	Presenter:	
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fens Biosphere - MN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working progress - key milestones, did achieve candidate status in November ○ Stakeholder event before Christmas and very good start. ○ Continuing discussion with a range of stakeholders. ○ Going forward - setting up a community forum, draft a legacy plan for work after 2021, funding opportunities, and very good discussion over last 6month with local authorities. • Doubling Nature Plan - RA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Secured funding. ○ SWAT Analysis from existing approaches. ○ Recommendation back to the board on how they want to go forward ○ In discussion with Combined Authority for a joint bid to the European Regional Development Fund. ○ Discussion in other LEAPs and authorises see if they want to be involved. • Naturally Healthy –PC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conference happened in March 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Well attended, PC is meeting with SD next week to consider the action and pick the momentum back up ● FPA - OB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Now has a programme team and about to recruit a support officer ○ Big thank you to Phil as interim manager ○ Project to look at future sustainability through public access/greenspace existing and new. ○ Long lasting cross sector partnerships ○ Greenspace mapping and stakeholder consultations workstreams. ○ Future funding models workstreams. ○ Natural Capital evaluation across the county. ○ Vivid Economic - greenkeeper tool workstream. ○ Parks challenge week - peer review (National Trust approach) ● OxCams ARC - CB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Opportunity mapping ○ Development wise - Greater Cambridge partnership - another call for project bids - MHCLG are putting a funding bid for Environment project OxCam corridor - workshop meeting to discuss this - depend on money and timescales. ○ Looking to cut these down into stage approach, bearing in mind tree project, developing the LNP. ○ Develop a better worked up pipeline of projects and set up a doubling nature investment plan as well depending on funding. ○ Will circulate more news as it is received. ● Developing with Nature - RB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This group is growing ○ Next meeting march 3rd ○ Focus on award scheme and engaging with the natural investment plan 		
Action items:	No actions recorded.	Person responsible:	Deadline:

Agenda Item: 6	AOB	Presenter:	
Discussion:	There were no AOB's recorded.		
Action Items:	No actions recorded.	Person Responsible:	Deadline:

Agenda item: 7	Dates for next meeting		
	Tuesday 14th April – Ferry Meadows Tuesday 14th July – venue to be confirmed Tuesday 13th October – venue to be confirmed		