

## Meeting of the Natural Cambridgeshire Shadow Trustee Board,

2 November 2020 at 3pm

### Present

- Councillor Lina Nieto, Cambridgeshire County Council
- Matthew Bradbury, Nene Park Trust
- James Littlewood, CPPF
- John Torlesse, Natural England
- Tim Brietmeyer, Landowner
- Peter Landshoff, Independent Trustee
- Richard Astle, Athene Communications
- Rebecca Britton, Urban and Civic
- Adrian Cannard, Combined Authority (Adviser)
- Roger Mitchell, Independent Trustee
- Cameron Adams, Environment Agency (Adviser)

### Apologies

- Sarah Smith, National Trust
- Martin Baker, Wildlife Trust

### Summary of action points

1. Agreed to ask for further extension of application to Charities Commission and review how we are presenting our case for charitable status.
2. Selection of candidates for the NC Co-ordinator role will be taken forward by RA, MB and HW. Shortlist to be agreed by 11 November.
3. Set up task and finish groups to report back to the board by February 2021 with more detailed ideas and costed projects for each of the following areas of work
  - a. Priority landscapes – James Littlewood
  - b. Community based nature recovery – Carly Leonard/Cambs ACRE
  - c. Funding and funding governance – Matthew Bradbury/Adrian Cannard
  - d. Measuring success – Martin Baker/Peter Landshoff

### Discussion and actions arising

1. The **Charity Commission** has raised some further detailed questions about our application for charitable status. We will ask for an extension of the deadline to reply and review our current submission.
2. We have had nine applications for the **post of Natural Cambridgeshire Co-ordinator**. RA, MB and HW have volunteered to help with the recruitment process. We aim to shortlist before 13 November.

3. There was discussion of how we moved our agenda forward following the event in September. It was felt that we needed to draw up **a list of costed projects** across all areas of our work, as well as develop strong, purposeful relations with landowners and farmers. Task and finish groups will be set up with the aim of developing simple action plans and ideas, including costed proposals, for the following areas of work
  - a. Priority landscapes – co-ordinated by James Littlewood, CPPF
  - b. Community projects – co-ordinated by Carly Leonard, PECT
  - c. Funding – co-ordinated by Adrian Cannard, CA and Matthew Bradbury, NPT
  - d. Measuring and evaluation – co-ordinated by Peter Landshoff and Martin Baker

The coordinators of each group will draw up terms of reference and arrange a work programme, with the objective of reporting back to the main board at its February 2021 meeting. Membership of these groups should include non-members of the board to offer a wide perspective of how we move our work forward.

#### **Outstanding actions from previous meeting**

There was discussion of the **current membership of the board** and whether there should be additional representation from any groups, given the three current vacancies. Gaps were identified from the local authorities in the north of the county and from organisations engaged in looking at issues around water supply and usage. There was also a recognition of the need to look at issues around the diversity of Trustees. This discussion will be finalised at the next meeting.

4. Date of next meeting of the Shadow Board of Trustees – Tuesday 8 December, 10am by Zoom. Note proposed change from a Monday to reflect request from one of our trustees.

Minutes prepared for approval of the Shadow Board by Richard Astle on 4 November 2020.