

East Suffolk Greenprint Forum Workplan 2013-2015

Progress Update – May 2015

Previous Update December 2014.

Aim

Bring key organisations, communities and individuals together to initiate, raise awareness of and promote community action to support a greener economy while sustaining and improving the environment of East Suffolk.

- 1) Continue to encourage and strengthen the community groups who are acting to improve people's lives and the environment part of the East Suffolk Greenprint Forum and to increase membership of the Forum.**

Current membership remains at 154. Two people joined after the bee event, however two people have recently asked to be removed from the list.

Suffolk	25
Waveney	18
Suffolk Coastal	100
East Suffolk	7
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Total members	154

We have held/hosted/organised four events since December.

We have 256 followers on Twitter and I have sent out 1001 Tweets in total.

6 mail outs have gone out to all members – write ups from the last two events are on our website.

- 2) Engage and support 5 communities in the adoption of the Nationally successful Transition Streets social and environmental engagement project.**

There has been no change on this. 3 Communities completed one round but have not been able to set up a second – although they remain active in other areas. 2 Communities have not managed to get a first round running.

3) Continue to support and promote the ESP, ECCE, ESRN, SCCP, SBP, Suffolk Nature Partnership Delivery Group, Being Well in the Wild and other relevant partner messages via our network

East Suffolk Partnership

We continue to provide quarterly updates on funded projects, news when appropriate and to share relevant messages.

The East Coast Carbon Efficiency Project which was part funded by the European Regional Development Fund has now successfully closed. During its three years it provided small to medium sized enterprises in Suffolk Coastal and Waveney:

- 200 (120 SCDC, 80 WDC) Energy and Green Procurement Reviews,
- 100 Suffolk Carbon Charters
- and grants which 59 businesses accessed.

The total evidenced annual reductions in greenhouse gases for the project was 834 T CO₂e and the total evidenced financial savings for the project was £217,884.

Being Well in the Wild continues as a networking initiative to share and identify opportunities to combines resources to support Health and Environmental initiatives. The next meeting is in May. Andrew Cassy, Nick Collinson and Luke Bennett attend these meetings.

East Suffolk Resource Network continues as a networking initiative to share and identify opportunities to combines resources to support initiatives which support/affect volunteers and those they support in our communities. Luke Bennett attends these meetings regularly. Deborah Wargate attends when possible.

Suffolk Climate Change Partnership

Annual report produced and available on:

<http://www.greensuffolk.org/assets/Greenest-County/SCCP/SCCP/Annual-Reviews/17880-SCCP-Annual-review-2014-v07.pdf> . We continue to support and share messages.

Phil Gore, John Taylor, Deborah Wargate and Keith Moore attend these meetings.

4) Support the LiveWell Health Walk Programme

I continue to share opportunities from RSPB, AONB, and SN and WN within the monthly emails.

5) Further develop local evidence on the health benefits of exposure to the natural environment

Nick Collinson gave a presentation to the East Suffolk Partnership Board who agreed that they would help shape work in Suffolk to develop better understanding of local natural capital, and support the development of some tangible case studies in east Suffolk that make sense locally.

Nick Collinson has produced a concept paper, has interest from UK counties and is actively seeking partners in France to produce a joint funding bid. **The first aim of this project is to develop a series of natural capital valuations at a sub-regional / county level across the FCE area**, that illustrate the full value to our economy and society of a range of natural assets. Valuation will be based on those ecosystem services of particular relevance locally in the FCE area project partner areas. It is intended to illustrate that the natural environment is more than a “nice to have” and rather that it is a fundamental building block of what makes the FCE area so important for nature, quality of life and prosperity. The natural environment is something that underpins our lives, economic growth and wellbeing. Ideas for economic natural capital valuation in England will include ; the value of saltmarsh, urban greenspaces, landscape, countryside walking and cycling routes, coastal defences, natural tourism, water storage reservoirs. **The second aim of the project will be to develop a series of pilot delivery projects that demonstrate the economic values, and lead decision makers to provide better protection for natural capital.** Pilots will cover health, tourism, education and economy. These pilots will be on-the-ground demonstrations of the valuation work, demonstrating natural capital to local decision-makers in the FCE area **A series of high-level conferences and a number of professional development seminars will be held, both in England and in France** to articulate the outcomes of the study and to enable decision-makers to really understand natural capital, with the local valuations in place.

6) Building on existing expertise and demand Develop an East Suffolk 'Thriveability' audit for Community Buildings

- 1) Kessingland Sports and Social Centre – onsite audit and report complete and with community December 2014: documentation, lighting and energy management were noted as improvement opportunities. Potential carbon savings 11.6T, financial £2961
- 2) Yoxford Village Hall - onsite audit and report complete and with community March 2015. Community is seeking new build and so savings are minimal (0.3T and £674 - key advice and support will be in identifying need for fire and safety checks, formalising use agreements and business planning for the new build.
- 3) Carlton Colville – onsite audit 9th January 2015, report complete and with community 10 April 2015. Key opportunities for improvement: lighting upgrade, insulation, tackling vandalism and procedure/governance. Long term biomass could be an option to consider. RH will follow up in a month to see where they want to focus the support time.
- 4) Aldeburgh Sports and Community Centre – onsite audit 23rd January 2015, report undergoing QA. They have 10kW Solar array funded by East of England Coop but no material on this in the hall to use as engagement tool. They are c rated on EPC so could improve further however energy now represents less than 10% of spend so little incentive. Focus is therefore on water efficiency, building use (with regard to other buildings in area) and engagement activity around the solar array.
- 5) Playford Village Hall – onsite audit 27th February 2015, report undergoing QA. They have recently extended and refurbished the village hall (RH noted here that sometimes for VAT reasons a complete knock down and rebuild may reduce costs). Opportunities can be found in Solar PV, making best use of their electric heating system and certain governance matters.

Telephone and email support has been provided to:

- 1) Badingham Village Hall – November/ Dec support started. Old building which is not fit for purpose and which is in use 8.30am – 4.30 by a preschool. Some real challenges for both community and those supporting them. RH to meet in May to determine a way forward that will make best use of support time available.
- 2) Kelsale Cum Carlton – January –funding support for PV display, carpark improvements, scattered orchard and kitchen. Support in engaging trustees for car park.
- 3) Martlesham Heath – December. Support covered solar immersion switch, risk assessment and incorporation advice and linking with other TCB communities for sharing best practice.
- 4) Marlesford – December. Support covered land registry advice, increasing use of hall, implementing online booking system, utility tariff review and H&S of play equipment.
- 5) Orford Recreation Ground Pavilion – March. Third Hand Building – needs a complete rebuild. The committee has raised 60k so far (40% of cost). Support needs are around legal structures and finding additional funding and volunteers for a new build sub-group. Potential opportunity to work in Green procurement.
- 6) Great Glemham Village Hall – March at QA. Refurbished in 2003. Interested in solar panels but need advice on funding and FITs

- 7) Further develop the concept of a commercial volunteer tourism offer to attract international and national visitors to the area.**

Monika Koch & Marc Ernesti, working together as a partnership, have been procured .to deliver Phase 1 of the Volunteer Tourism project. Over the next two to three months they will develop the main delivery plan for the project. We will re-tender for the work to be carried out for Phase 2.

- 8) Identify opportunities to help the groups that would benefit the most from getting outside but find it hard to do so**