
Greenprint Forum Steering Group Meeting

Location: Blyth Room, East Suffolk House

Date: Tuesday 24 October 2023

Time: 10:00-12:00

Invited: Betsy Reid, Chris Ryde, Daniel Wareing, Emily Knock, Jamie Bretton, Jane Healey, Laurence Moss, Luke Bennett, Paul Mackie, Rachel Smith Lyte, Susan Harvey,

In attendance in person: Betsy Reid, Daniel Wareing, Jamie Bretton, Jane Healey, Rachel Smith Lyte, Paul Mackie

In attendance via Zoom: Emily Knock, Laurence Moss

Apologies: Luke Bennett, Susan Harvey

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Update on next evening Forum Farming best practice to be held February 2024 – DW. Topics of subsequent Forums were agreed at last meeting to be Climate Anxiety, then Planning, in that order.
3. Update on Quiet Lanes Suffolk – DW
4. Waldringfield Green Infrastructure Workshop – BR
5. Updates from Steerers – all
6. Updates on ESC Green Agenda – PM
7. Any other business

8. Dates of next meetings currently 23 January, then 23 April.

1. Welcome

Jamie Bretton welcomed as Apprentice for the team for the year and a half to June 2025. .

2. **Update on next evening Forum Farming best practice to be held February 2024 – DW. Topics of subsequent Forums were agreed at last meeting to be Climate Anxiety, then Planning, in that order.**

Potential speakers Anna Beames, Chief Executive of Suffolk FWAG, and John Pawsey, Shimpling Park Farm, have been approached and are very interested in speaking at the event.

ACTION: DW to arrange meeting at beginning of November with John, Anna, JH and new ESC Graduate Project Support Officer Amy Duran to confirm arrangements.

3. Update on Quiet Lanes

Implementation now complete in terms of designations, though a small number of lanes are still awaiting signage. A Technical Case Study has now been published including testimonials from a parish council and a member of the core volunteer project team.

The core volunteer project team continue to meet with Suffolk Highways in the course of developing a procedure and costings to help with future interest.

4. Waldringfield Green Infrastructure Workshop

This was attended by around 40 representatives from parishes and stakeholders and statutory bodies, including 3 farmers including Hemley Farm.

We need a workshop on how to talk to farmers, potential idea for the Greenprint Forum in farming.

The event didn't end up with a work package, due to time constraints. Facilitators felt that the section on identifying assets could have been condensed.

Shooting did not, somewhat surprisingly, come up as a threat.

EK observed a divide during the workshop session, between representatives from parish councils, and from other statutory bodies.

5. Updates from Steerers

LM – Peasehall have been involved in the SCCP thermal imaging project for the winter of 23/24, however demand for the free service was noted as not particularly high in the village.

BR – Waldringfield’s annual litter clearance and 2nd repair café held recently. 30 residents have signed up to “green veining”, devoting parts of their gardens to wildlife.

JH – Transition Woodbridge have held wildlife corridor evenings, with show and tell for residents to share actions. A follow up is planned in 2024 with wild gardens open day on 18 May. Bat project was completed in September 2023 with 200 posts recording data. Harvest Fair to raise awareness of produce from land and local producers of food. Local Food project leaflet promotes local producers, eateries and retailers.

6. Updates on ESC Green Agenda

Strategic Plan of ESC has been revised with more prominence of environmental themes across the priorities and stronger links between the environment and communities.

ESC exploring opportunities to work with Community Energy South and enable communities in the district to pursue community energy projects.

7. Any other business

None

8. Dates of next meetings

- **23 April 2024, 30 July 2024; 5 November 2024; 18 February 2025**

Future meetings to be held in hybrid form (in person with facility for others to tune in via Zoom if needed) if held at ESC offices, unless held at a community venue with or without a site visit combined in which case it would be in person only.