

Notes of the East Coast Greenprint Steering Group

11 June 2014

Group members attending:

Andrew Cassy,	BT and BCG (Chair.)	
Debbie Wargate,	SC&WDCs	Cathy Smith, SCH(AONB)
Guy Ackers,	SHS	Phil Gore, SC&WDCs
Luke Bennett	ESP	Gen Broad, SBP
Keith Moore,	EA	
Peter Ross,	SC&WDCs	

Group members tending apologies:

Sarah Mortimer,	CAS	Ben McFarland, RSPB
	Cllr Andrew Nunn,	SC&WDCs
John Taylor,	SCCP	Betsy Reid, WALGA

People who will receive the minutes for their reference:

Nick Collinson, SCC	Josiah Meldrum, SB
Simon Hooton, SBA	Simon Amstutz, SCH(AONB)
Dan Baggott, ESP	

Item	Action
<p>SCDC Planning update: Mark Edgerley. The core strategy was adopted last year and Site Allocations & Area Specific Policies are under development with Felixstowe set to be the first for consultation next year. Current consultation is on CIL and SCI. Importance of neighbourhood plans noted as those with get 25% of CIL and those without 15%.</p> <p>Noted Waveney already has CIL: https://www.waveney.gov.uk/CIL</p>	<p>All to individually review and respond to (as part of community group or organisation) draft Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule and revised and updated Statement of Community Involvement</p> <p>Mark Edgerley to include Environment Groups within Statement of Community Infrastructure</p>
<p>Actions from the last meeting</p> <p>One outstanding item to carry forward</p>	<p>AN to speaker to SWP to see if the current 2 sack load could be increased to half a trailer.</p>
<p>Update on our work programme</p>	<p>DW to circulate. All to review and share/contribute where possible</p> <p>GA to coordinate views of those attending the walk around the PNR and to circulate a document detailing them. AC to follow up with Dorothy Casey from Suffolk Wildlife Trust and Nick Collinson to see</p>

	if there is scope/need to consider this for future forum work. DW to include on next meeting agenda.
<p>LEADER Funding</p> <p>LEADER is one of Europe’s most successful rural development programmes. LEADER allows local people to make decisions about Common Agricultural Policy funding for local projects (Approx £1.5 to 2 Million for our area if successful). It provides support for jobs, capital investment and business growth in rural areas at a local level. Suffolk County Council is leading a partnership to develop two new LEADER areas one of which is the Heritage Coast (Suffolk Coastal and Tendring District council areas as well as some parts of the Mid Suffolk and Waveney district council areas). It is highly competitive. The priority is directly supporting the rural economy through supporting, creating and developing micro and small sized rural businesses, encouraging and supporting farm diversification (rural tourism noted), and increasing forest productivity. There needs to be a strong business lead and potential of match funding.</p>	<p>DW, SA and LB to attend 12 June session.</p> <p>All to consider attending the ‘Heritage Coast’ consultation event on 25th June. 10am - 1pm at Easton and Otley College, Otley, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP6 9EY.</p> <p>This event will focus on drafting objectives and possible activities for the Heritage Coast area. Please confirm your attendance to Richard Rampton richard.rampton@ruraladvice.com.</p>
<p>Update from members</p>	
<p>Environment Agency Supporting Norfolk Local Action Group and their scoping activities. Suffolk County Council could contact to discuss plans but limited scope to input to the same level to more that one LAG.</p> <p>Suffolk Biodiversity Partnership Gen reminded us that SBP has been merged into SBRC and she is dividing her time between assessing Eco schools and SBP work as outlined in link. http://www.suffolkbiodiversity.org/content/suffolkbiodiversity.org/PDFs/SBP%20Moving%20Forward%20November%202013.pdf</p> <p>And noted that there is now an events page on http://www.suffolkbiodiversity.org/events.aspx which we can add wildlife related events to by emailing her. Quiet Lanes event included on this.</p> <p>Suffolk Coastal District Council Suffolk Coastal’s Cabinet recently received widespread public support after it voted</p>	

unanimously to ban sky lanterns and the mass release of balloons from our land and would like to encourage all landowners and event organisers to consider doing the same.

<http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourcouncil/policies/sky-lanterns-and-balloons/>

The Countryside Team will be outsourced from April 2015.

Suffolk Coast and Heaths

Currently seeking a new Suffolk Estuaries Officer to replace Trazar. 15 Month contract. It will be advertised in the EADT on Wednesday 25 June and probably on www.suffolkjobsdirect.org when it goes external.

Developing a piece of work on invasive species.

Suffolk Hedgerow Survey

Interest continues. There is a strong link to Tree Wardens but concern expressed that without co-ordination, training and events their ability and enthusiasm in delivering action and carrying out useful surveys will wane.

Suffolk County Council

Suffolk's Nature Strategy was launched in May 2014. It articulates priorities for the county and conveys how the landscapes and wildlife of Suffolk are important building blocks of our economic growth and health & wellbeing. It was developed by the County Council, Suffolk Wildlife Trust, RSPB and the National Trust. 10 hard copies will be produced for the Greenprint Forum by NC and held by DW for Steering Group members to borrow and to give out at events.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 1 October 2014 10am - 11.30pm. BT Adastral Park - with an optional nature trail around the site from 9am - 10am