

Minutes of the East Coast Greenprint Steering Group

5 Feb 2014

10am – 11.30am

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	
Cllr Andrew Nunn,	SC&WDCs	
Peter Ross,	SC&WDCs	

Group members tending apologies:

Sarah Mortimer,	CAS	Ben McFarland, RSPB
Keith Moore,	EA	Gen Broad, SBP
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	

Ref	Item	Action
1.	Actions from the last meeting No outstanding items to carry forward	
2.	Update on our work programme Work programme approved with some amendments.	DW to make amendments and circulate. DW to make update standing item on Agenda. DW to email AC with article on Transition Streets to get it in BT newsletter. DW to forward promotional article to steering group CS to forward Wild

		<p>Anglia News</p> <p>CS and DW to attend LEADER funding meeting and feedback to Steering Group at next meeting</p> <p>CS to attend EU Cluster meeting and feedback on Interreg funding.</p>
3.	<p>Future meetings / events</p> <p>Event plan approved with addition of waste talk to the Fairtrade session in Beccles.</p>	<p>DW to progress and promote.</p> <p>DW to promote via Claire Taylor Crisp.</p> <p>DW to email Waveney contacts to see what they would like to cover.</p> <p>DW to keep and share record of time spent organising each event.</p> <p>DW to circulate costs for Wild Screening to steering group for a decision on whether to add this to the events programme or just to</p>

		circulate to members for interest.
4.	Feedback from the ESRN meeting	DW to circulate ESRN Action Plan when agreed.
5.	Update from members	
	<p>FAS. GA advised that there had been further discussions with the farming Advice Service who confirmed that all farmers who participate in one of the three stewardship schemes under the Defra/Rural Payments Scheme, already are on their lists and receive invitations to their training sessions, which are not open to the public nor to farmers or landowners who are not in stewardship. Any further input from the ESP Greenprint Forum would therefore be a duplication and would be unlikely to add value.</p> <p>Hedgerow Survey Before Christmas GA had an enquiry from the Planning Policy Officer (Ian Johns) from Waveney District Council asking if we thought the results of the surveys would help in his Green Infrastructure Strategy. After discussion it was agreed that there may well be a useful contribution and accordingly he was advised to contact SBRC (Martin Sanford) who would be able to let him have copies of any surveys that were needed. (In the case of WDC, copies were not kept in their offices, unlike SCDC where every survey and master map was copied and retained). Subsequently, Ian Johns reported that he had asked for and received copies of the SBRC GIS layer and that he would now consider the need to contact parish councils for survey information. Both SCDC and WDC now have hedgerows as a layer on their GIS mapping system.</p> <p>If successful, this could be a good lead for other Districts in the County should they consider making a Green Infrastructure Strategy.</p> <p>Steering Group visit to a PNR (arboretum in Melton). If members agreed to attend the visit, there may be merit in advancing ideas to parish councils for them to start similar tree growing enterprises on spare pieces of land, field corners or areas of land donated/loaned by landowners and farmers. This would seek to encourage community action, a greener fairer economy to sustain and improve the local environment and to help generate support for health and exercise in the environment. The best time for the visit would be late spring, early summer, say from end May to mid July. Parking for up to 6 cars has been arranged within 50 metres of the entrance. The land (5.5 acres) is gently sloping, facing south and mainly acid grassland with approx 350 deciduous, broad leaved, indigenous species with some</p>	

	<p>cultivars and hybrids and by design a line of conifers to provide a shelter wedge. Agreed to visit as part of the next Steering Group Meeting.</p> <p>Tree Wardens – Gained £175 from Tree Council and £175 from Countryside budget to plant trees in Woodbridge/Melton, Blaxhall and Middleton. DW mentioned the Transition Woodbridge Group had approached her about where to plant. CS suggested outside their offices could be a potential.</p> <p>SCDC Countryside Team have offered their support to Livewell Suffolk and Suffolk Mind.</p> <p>Halesworth Business Associations met at the start of the Week with 14 out of the 15 attending. There is a keenness to build on capacity, train members and continue to meet and grow the network.</p> <p>Plastics recycling campaign is proving effective with a reduction in misplaced plastic.</p> <p>Textile recycling continues, all waste collection operatives have now been trained to ensure replacement bags are put on bins and stickers used to note any incorrect placements. This is diverting some waste however further work is needed to raise awareness of scheme.</p> <p>Flytipping campaign is proving effective with a reduction shown over three years. It is hoped that funding will be forthcoming to extend this for a further year. Andrew Cassy will be attending an invitee only Suffolk Waste Partnership Flytipping Conference in March as the Chair of the East Suffolk Greenprint Forum.</p> <p>Paint and hardcore remain a problem.</p>	<p>DW to pass Cathy's details to the group once approval gained.</p> <p>PR to continue to progress and to attend VASP in their Cloghans Meeting to share what the team can do.</p> <p>AC</p> <p>AN to speaker to SWP to see if the current 2 sack load could be increased to half a trailer.</p>
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	<p>The Quiet Lanes scheme is progressing well with an official opening in Suffolk Coast & Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) in BROMESWELL VILLAGE HALL, SATURDAY 1ST MARCH 2014, 11.30AM.</p> <p>The SCHAONB 2014-15 grant application period is now open www.suffolkcoastandheaths.org/grants-and-funding/</p>	<p>DW to communicate the options (including using used cat litter to soak up gloss paint) to the Transition Streets Group.</p> <p>CS to circulate.</p>
6	<p>Next Meeting: 11 June 2014, 10am – 11am, Cloghans Bungalow, Melton Hill, IP12 1AU Followed by an optional walk and discussion around Private Nature Reserve 11.15am – 12.30</p>	