

East Coast Greenprint Forum Steering Group

1 May 2015.

10am – 11.30pm

Cloghan's SCDC, Melton Hill, Woodbridge

Group members attending:

Andrew Cassy,	BT and BCG (Chair.)
Betsy Reid,	WALGA
Cathy Smith,	SCH(AONB)
Debbie Wargate,	SC&WDCs (note taker)
John Taylor	SCCP
Keith Moore,	EA
Luke Bennett	ESP
Peter Ross	SC&WDCs
Phil Gore,	SC&WDCs

Apologies:

Nick Collinson	SCC
Guy Ackers,	SHS
Ben McFarland	RSPB

No.	ITEM	Actions
1.	Introduction and apologies	
2.	Agreed as true record. Actions from last meeting carry over:	<p>DW to forward information on renewables and electric vehicles to group and to Alison Matthews</p> <p>DW to speak to SBP to get an update on their work and to see if there is anything we should be sharing through avenues such as the State of the District report</p>
3.	<p>ESP Board update and planning http://www.eastsuffolkpartnership.org.uk/espboardmeetings/ - for minutes of the last meeting and NC presentation.</p> <p>AC summarise our efforts to date and NC gave a very good presentation. The ESP Board decisions in brief are:</p> <p>The Board agreed that in 2015-16 the ESP should support us to:</p> <p>i) 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.</p>	<p>LB to arrange a meeting of the key players in young people and environment.</p>

	<p>ii) Continue to influence existing networks to ensure that tourism promotion and development fits an east Suffolk value and support work to deliver a commercial all year round volunteer tourism package for Suffolk.</p> <p>iii) Support the 'Thrivability of community buildings' initiative to deliver its initial targets and also develop long term sustainability so that we can continue to support communities to manage their buildings and</p> <p>iv) Continue to inspire and inform communities on issues relating to their natural capital and how they can value and make best use of it.</p> <p>v) Support work to investigate an emerging issue related to the apparent disinterest of young people in the environment. Greenprint Forum has agreed to investigate this and may wish to come back to the ESP for support at a later date.</p>	
4.	<p>Suffolk Hedgerows and Blue Sky</p> <p>Agreed this looked like a promising offer but noted need to ensure there is a local gain from any commercial benefit not only in terms of access to the maps but potentially in funds for ongoing hedgerow work.</p>	<p>AC to identify a person at BT who could advise on intellectual property pro-bono</p> <p>DW to organise a meeting to include: Guy Ackers, Woodlands Trust, Suffolk Biological Records, Wilf Garford, Nick Newton and Phil Gore.</p>
5.	<p>Workplan progress and looking forward</p> <p>Agreed to keep actions as they are. Progress update contained in Workplan.</p>	<p>DW to circulate update</p>
6.	<p>Greenprint events and meetings</p> <p>LB will arrange for his apprentice to help DW move these forward, make</p>	<p>JT to circulate community energy workshop details once finalised. Better to organise transport and support this event rather than duplicate.</p>

	<p>them more appealing (alternatives to Work Party wording sought) and increase outreach in Waveney.</p> <p>Agreed the cancellation of the two community led planning events due to lack of interest.</p>	<p>DW to speak to JT about organising a tour on the 4th July to tie in with his liaison with solar and wind farms to open them to the public. AC to see if BT wants to be involved.</p> <p>DW to get litterpick dates in the diary and switch to evenings to see if they are more popular. Explore promoting offer through SALC.</p> <p>DW to speak to Jane Burch to gauge her vies on the July water focused forum to include Love Food Hate Waste, Botashi composting, Anglian Water, and Environment Agency.</p> <p>BR to speak to Craig Renton about the London University research to see if this would be a good time to cover it.</p> <p>KM to speak to colleagues at EA to identify suitable speakers – (Comment DW: Will Akast and Lisa Turner have sent info in past on septic tank and package treatment plant owners to reduce phosphorus levels in our estuaries, rivers and streams. Perhaps we should think of that and target the rural areas?)</p> <p>DW to contact KALGA to see if we can invite people to their Harvest Open Day and they can give a talk about the allotments and Master Composter Workshop as part of that?</p> <p>DW to organise and promote EFW visit.</p> <p>DW to liaise with PR and Corton and get two Tree Warden events in the diary.</p>
7.	<p>Round table update</p> <p>Suffolk Coast Business comprises of Leiston, Sax, Aldeburgh and Fram Business Associations.</p>	<p>LB to raise environmental issues are considered with Catherine Thornber who is leading on the Suffolk Coast Business Associations</p>

<http://suffolkcoastbusiness.co.uk/>

In Lowestoft a housing development in Woods Meadow has led to the creation of a mixed use country park. Peter Ross will be involved in the design and management of this.

ECCE project has come to a successful close with learning to share.

Green Suffolk Fund has a total pot of £30k and will provide up to 50% of total project costs to a maximum of £5000 to community buildings for carbon reduction measures (not including those eligible for FIT or RHI). Contact is John Taylor 01473 264595 or john.taylor3@suffolk.gov.uk

Greenest County Awards were inspirational once again. Winners from our Districts were:

- Waldringfield Flood Defence Group
- Grove Primary School, Carlton Colville they have an EcoPod and regularly engage children and parents in environmental activities.
- East of England Co-op
- Kelsale-cum-Carlton Community Energy Limited
- Ivy Grange Farm Yurts
- GreenerFram

Suffolk Coastal District Council is pleased to announce that the first round of the Revenue and Capital Grants programme for 2015/16 is now open and is inviting organisations to apply.

The Council has £80,000 available to invest in capital type projects and £73,000 available to support revenue based projects. Under the Capital Grant Programme you can apply for 30 per

PR to keep Steering Group updated on progress.

DW to forward a summary of the evaluation once produced.

All to spread word with communities in Suffolk.

DW to circulate congratulations and funding opportunities through the next mailing

	<p>cent of the overall project up to £10,000 and under the Revenue Grant Programme you can apply for a grant from £500 to £5,000. There will be two rounds held with the first round closing for applications on Friday 29 May at 5pm. www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourcouncil/communitygrants/councilgrants</p> <p>Waldringfield Primary School Walking Bus is now running twice a week and has survived through the winter term.(a typical winter bus drop out).</p> <p>WALGA has now had a rebrand due to challenges with getting land for allotments and has become Waldringfield Gardeners focusing on community composting and scattered orchards.</p> <p>Waldringfield Salt Marsh Restoration begins in June with funds from various sources including the SDF fund.</p> <p>The New Anglia LEP Green Pathfinder is under a planned review and a report is anticipated in June</p> <p>SME resilience work across Suffolk and Norfolk is beginning with the first meeting of partners on the 6th May. Partners are SCC, NCC, SCDC, WDC, EA, Groundwork and New Anglia.</p>	<p>KM to circulate report once available</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>SCDC new build</p> <p>Letter received 19th April from Liz Mark expressing concern that the new build will not be the anticipated exemplar green building. This concern was echoed by members of the Steering Group.</p>	<p>PG to meet with Andy Jarvis the new Strategic Director to raise this concern.</p> <p>PG to meet with the project Board to identify what is being incorporated and if there is any scope for more (if needed)</p> <p>AC to raise concern with Ray Herring.</p>

		<p>DW to organise a meeting of the Forum to share the plans – when appropriate</p> <p>PG to contact LM to thank her for her letter and inform her of our intent</p>
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