

## East Suffolk Greenprint Forum 2013-2015

### December 2014 update

#### 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.

Outcome	Action	Notes Update Dec 2014:	Who	
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	Host/support quarterly environmentally focused knowledge sharing events around East Suffolk	Current members of the Forum	Deborah	
		Suffolk		25
		Waveney		17
		Suffolk Coastal		100
		East Suffolk		7
		?		5
		<b>Total members</b>	<b>154</b>	
Continue to use Twitter, Facebook and bimonthly emails to members and the Suffolk Community		Nine new members since the September 2014 update.	Deborah	
		13 Greenprint activities held. Key notes produced and shared via email and internet for Forums.		
		Attendance at meetings fluctuates: 41 was the most (Treewarden and Greenprint joint event) 7 the least (Energy Forum in Walpole).		
		934 tweets in total and 230 followers in the twitter sphere. Bimonthly email updates continue. Those without email are usually connected via those with it in		

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Forum.	Newsletter to share opportunities, action and challenges.	their communities to save postage and time.	
Engage and support 5 communities in the adoption of the Nationally successful Transition Streets social and environmental engagement project.	<p>Contact communities who have already shown an interest and have been trained and agree delivery timeframe.</p> <p>Deliver one Transition Streets initiative centrally to gain hands on experience in it.</p> <p>Contact communities monthly to see how</p>	<p><b>Update September 2014</b>  <b>Rendlesham Transition Group</b> continues to run events to try to engage the wider community.</p> <p>Boyton and Wenhaston have undertaken their streets initiative. Wenhaston has provided their survey responses and a report has been produced for them. Boyton group members decided not to complete the surveys therefore no report has been produced.</p> <p><b>Felixstowe, Waldringfield and Framlingham remain stalled.</b>  I propose a drift of the timescales to give a little more time for us all to see if momentum can be gained.</p>	Deborah

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	<p>they are progressin g and offer support.</p> <p>Input survey results onto Transition Database</p> <p>Contact new communiti es and offer to train</p> <p>Hold a celebration for all who have led and taken part in the initiative</p>		
Continue to support and promote the ESP, ECCE, ESRN, SCCP, SBP,	When new information relevant to our aims comes out circulate to members via email and twitter.	<p><b>Update:</b>  Nick C will keep a watching brief on Wild Anglia which has undergone significant change recently having become a CIC with a new board and no staff resource at this time. In the meantime to ensure momentum continues on the Suffolk Nature Strategy Nick is looking to set up a Suffolk Nature Strategy Delivery Partnership and will be inviting Philip Ridley to represent the Districts, in his capacity as Natural Resource representative for the National Planning Officers Society. Updates will be provided for the Greenprint Steering Group to consider</p>	Deborah Wargate,  Nick Collinson, Keith Moore

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Suffolk Nature Partnership Delivery Group, Being Well in the Wild and other relevant partner messages via our network	Prepare for March ESP Board meeting – to bring ideas to next meeting	<p>if and how best to engage to make a difference for our communities and the natural capital they rely on.</p> <p>Speak to BAZ to raise Climate change at Next Young People’s Representatives group.</p> <p>Consider what should be included in the CC event and in the March ESP Board Meeting.</p>	<p>Luke Bennett</p> <p>Steering Group</p>
Support the LiveWell Health Walk Programme	Provide walks within the Greenprint Events plan where possible promote these via	<p><b>Update:</b> The RSPB has provided link to their regular volunteering opportunity to include in the annual events plan.</p> <p>Daniel Wareing has provided litter pick activity list to include in annual events plan.</p> <p>AONB, SCDC Footprints and Landguard Ranger will provide events to add to it as they become available.</p>	Debbie Wargate

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	Livewell as well.		
Further develop local evidence on the health benefits of exposure to the natural environment	Share updates from and input into the SCC, Wild Anglia and LEPs Green Economy Manifesto opportunity to work with the UEA to understand the value of natural capital in Suffolk & Norfolk through economic valuation of some key ecosystem services.	<b>Update:</b> A partnership has been set up between the Environment Agency, Broads Authority, Suffolk County Council, and UEA to create an EU bid to progress the investigation into Valuing Suffolk and Norfolk's Natural Capital. There will be a focus on developing the Ipswich Wildlife Corridors phase one study (tree maps, ecology of parks etc.) and mirroring it across Suffolk and Norfolk. There is potential for a hedgerows value analysis to be part of this looking at game cover, predator encouragement, soil erosions etc. and highlighting the types of hedgerows and ongoing management of them. Nick Collinson is lead on this and will keep the Greenprint Steering Group up to date on progress and areas where they can support it.	Nick Collinson, SCC

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Building on existing expertise and demand Develop an East Suffolk 'Thriveability' audit for Community Buildings	Develop approach with partners and explore additional funding to make this concept a reality.	<p>A new two year project offering communities in <b>Suffolk Coastal and Waveney</b> assistance to build resilience through their community buildings is underway. The project is being developed and delivered collaboratively between Groundwork Suffolk and Community Action Suffolk with support from Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils and is funded by the East Suffolk Partnership and Suffolk Coastal District Council. Over 2 years the project will undertake 10 on site 'thrivability audits'. Furthermore, at least 20 additional communities will receive telephone and email ad-hoc 'thrivability' support through free support hotline. Kirsty Burns and Robert Horn work one day a week on this and are currently building on the survey data gathered to enable a prioritisation of the 44 buildings identified as potential candidates – this will be a combination of perceived need from community, building type and potential for works based on internet research and an over the phone survey. They have developed the audit templates and have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 8 communities booked in for either a site visit or telephone/email support</li> <li>- All communities from survey contacted that we will now be in touch in the New Year but offered for them to get in touch if they needed support before.</li> <li>- Project logo created</li> <li>- Project templates finalised</li> <li>- Attended ESP Forum on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November</li> <li>- Arranged meetings with Carolyn Shaw and Claire Taylor Crisp, CAS, on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ul> <p><b>1.1 Thrivability Audits Undertaken this Month</b>            Kessingland Sports and Social Centre – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November</p>	Deborah Wargate, Anna Martin, Keith Moore, Luke Bennett, Andrew Wilesmith, John Taylor

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		<p><b>1.4 Future Thrivability Audit Bookings</b>  Yoxford Village Hall - 5<sup>th</sup> December 2015</p> <p>Holton and Blyford - 5<sup>th</sup> December 2015</p> <p>Aldeburgh Church Hall - 9<sup>th</sup> January 2015</p> <p>Carlton Coleville - 9<sup>th</sup> January 2015</p> <p><b>2.1 Thrivability Tel/Email Support Provided this Month</b>  Badingham Village Hall</p> <p><b>2.4 Future Communities Booked in for Thrivability Tel/Email Support</b>  Marlesford Village Hall – December</p> <p>Martlesham Heath – December</p> <p>Kelsale Cum Carlton - January</p> <p>We were unsuccessful in two JRF applications but continue to search for funds to make this a cross Suffolk initiative and increase our learning and knowledge transfer opportunities. More information on the project can be found on <a href="http://www.greensuffolk.org/green-communities/support/thriving-community-buildings/">http://www.greensuffolk.org/green-communities/support/thriving-community-buildings/</a></p>	
Further develop the concept of a	Build on existing connections, highlight the	<b>Update:</b> We were successful in the phase one application and have submitted an evidenced phase two application of which a significant part will be volunteer tourism with the AONB Unit as the anticipated lead.	Cathy Smith, Deborah Wargate, Ben McFarland,

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commercial volunteer tourism offer to attract international and national visitors to the area.	opportunities and risks, develop funding bids and draw up a robust business plan		Carolyn Shaw, Luke Bennett
Identify opportunities to help the groups that would benefit the most from getting outside but find it hard to do so	Support the Suffolk Health Board Steering Group as they seek to progress action in an asset based approach.	<p>Steering group of Go Wild in Suffolk met 5/11/2014:Key outcomes of relevance.</p> <p>2015 is going to be a Year of Cycling with promotions of cycle friendly businesses, communities etc. Greenprint to support with link and promotions. DW to follow up with Elspeth to explore further support ideas.</p> <p>Happy to link to ESGPF. The group will record and share easy-going video walks. DW will then promote through network and at Forums.</p> <p>NC and SEEN Pursuing a bid for a European funding for a project focusing on natural capital and asked for ideas for new and innovative approaches on this topic, particularly around school and family based outdoor activities.</p> <p>Group discussed: Leiston Forward a project aimed at creating a working partnership capable of supporting the community of Leiston. It will do this by utilising local energy and expertise to establish a sustainable enterprise who will carry forward a number of projects that can be developed as revenue generating, sustainable and capable of generating surpluses. The creation of a vibrant, income generating town centre, with easy access to local services – ideas captured in NP. Post 16 learning provision. The management of local</p>	Elspeth Gibson/Luke Bennett/ Nick Collinson/Deborah Wargate



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		assets and delivery of local services. At this stage the link with health and environment seems to need developing.	