
Greenprint Forum Steering Group Meeting

Location: Zoom

Date: Tuesday 27 September 2022

Time: 10:00-12:00

Invited: Betsy Reid, Chris Ryde, Daniel Wareing, James Mallinder, Jane Healey, Laurence Moss, Luke Bennett, Paul Mackie, Susan Harvey, Emily Knock, Chris King

In attendance: Betsy Reid (from 10:10), Chris King, Daniel Wareing, Emily Knock, James Mallinder, Jane Healey, Laurence Moss, Paul Mackie

Apologies:

Luke Bennett, Susan Harvey

Agenda

1. Welcome/apologies
 - a. Apologies – Susan Harvey and Luke Bennett
2. Chris King – intro to role of Design Champion & Specialist Services Manager for East Suffolk Council
3. Climate Resilience Forum
4. Updates from steerers
5. Update on ESC green agenda
6. AOB

Dates of next meetings

13 December 2022

28 March 2023

1. Welcome/apologies

Apologies received from Susan Harvey and Luke Bennett

2. Chris King – intro to role of Design Champion & Specialist Services Manager for East Suffolk Council

Chris King occupies a newly created key role within the Planning Department at ESC in uplift, design quality, and promoting sustainability, looking after arboriculture, ecology and building conservation.

JH asked if CK's role covers all aspects of planning, CK responded that yes where a matter requires planning dialogue e.g. from retrofit to new build, domestic and commercial, trees and TPOs. JM added that no tree on ESC owned land will be destroyed without his consent after all alternatives are exhausted.

3. Climate Resilience Forum

DW so far has Dr Alison Pooley from UoS lined up as one speaker to talk about the theme of climate community resilience and retrofit more broadly and mention some case studies she has worked with.

Suggestions were made as follows in terms of further elements to capture:

JM:

Water capture; dry climate plants; growing food; supporting biodiversity in a changing climate

JH:

Welfare action to take with regard to excessive heat

BR:

Prof Peter Hobson Writtle University – has helped advising Ipswich and Woodbridge in green veining based on Felixstowe community nature reserve
How do we get people to do things – over the garden fence, really small asks – 3 sqm of garden devoted to wildlife.

Prof Hobson has conducted infrastructure workshops in Essex and is applying for gov funding to launch through University of Suffolk as well; ten workshops involving government officials and agencies such as forestry commission and farmers.

ACTION: BR offered to connect with Peter Hobson on behalf of Greenprint

PM:

Nature Recovery Strategy in pipeline, opportunity to involve and engage Greenprint in consultation process.

BR pointed out that the cut off date of 29 September for consultation for Nature Recovery Strategies.

AGREED – next event requires a degree of focus on community resilience and there are plenty of additional ideas that could be deferred to subsequent events. **ACTION:** DW to focus for now on making arrangements for an event in mid to late November.

4. Updates from steerers

JM:

Environmental vision at ESC continues to embed the environment into decision making processes.

JH:

At Whisstocks, Transition Woodbridge hosted some food stalls as part of an ambient music festival showcasing food producers and environmental groups including churches together with eco churches and the tide mill, SWT.

Save the Deben campaign has been active to get an area of the River Deben designated as a bathing status area to ensure monitoring by EA takes place. Ruth Leach is leading the campaign along with Caroline Page leading a petition to support designation. Declaration of rights of the River Deben read by London barrister Paul Powlesland.

Transition Woodbridge have their repair café next Monday, which has inspired others in Stowmarket, Holbrook, Martlesham and Waldringfield.

BR:

Waldringfield are holding their next repair café on 15 October.

LM:

Planning to visit Stowmarket to look at a new development claiming to be very environmentally friendly.

5. Update on ESC green agenda

Time insufficient for verbal update; pages 424-433 of the document linked below is the update provided by the ESC Environment Task Group to Cabinet on 6 September 2022:

[Agenda Document Pack Cabinet 6 September 2022 \(cmis.uk.com\)](https://cmis.uk.com/Agenda%20Document%20Pack%20Cabinet%206%20September%202022)

6. AOB

Emily Knock proposed by Jane Healey as a new member of the Steering Group; seconded by Laurence Moss. Emily Knock duly admitted as a new member of Greenprint Forum Steering Group.

DW to invite Claire Ling to next Steering Group meeting to introduce her role as Community Advisor for the Suffolk Climate Change Partnership.