
Greenprint Forum Steering Group Meeting

Location: Digitech Centre, Adastral Park, Martlesham Heath

Date: Tuesday 28 March 2023

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, Claire Ling

In attendance in person: Betsy Reid, Daniel Wareing, Emily Knock, Jane Healey, Laurence Moss, Paul Mackie, Susan Harvey

In attendance via Zoom: James Mallinder (11:30-11:40)

Apologies: Chris Ryde, Luke Bennett

Agenda

1. Welcome/apologies
 - a. apologies from Chris and Luke
2. Update from JM
3. Update on CP Annual Forum – PM/DW (on the event broadly) and EK (on the workshop with young people)
4. Update on Nature First grants – DW
5. Updates from Steerers – all
6. Updates on ESC Green Agenda – JM/PM/DW
7. Tour of the Smart House

Welcome/apologies

Apologies received from Chris Ryde and Luke Bennett

Due to initial technical difficulties establishing a remote connection with James Mallinder, Item 2 was deferred to later in the meeting.

Update on CP Annual Forum

At this event, EK, DW and Sam Kenward from ESC's Communities Team, delivered a workshop entitled "Collaborating with young people on environment and climate change challenges", which was co-produced with students from Sir John Leman High School and Benjamin Britten High School. It was attended by 41 delegates from 28 organisations.

A full report of the event is available here. [Workshop-report-3-March-2023.pdf \(eastsuffolk.gov.uk\)](https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/workshop-report-3-march-2023.pdf)

EK gave an overview of key issues and ideas raised by the students who participated in our workshop at the event, as follows:

- The 'Green Day' idea in schools was popular as a way to try and educate and engage around the environment in schools
- Split bins was also something that was popular and there could be partnership working with Norse around this
- A lot of discussion about how free things could be donated to help young people with their projects
- Communication techniques to continue the conversation included social media, eye-catching posters and forums to discuss issues and ideas and provide updates

DW introduced the key pledge made by ESC as part of the event, "to take feedback from the workshop to the Greenprint Forum Steering Group, to scope out a potential environmental project for schools and parish councils, including aspects around organic sustainable gardening and growing (a la "Field to Fork") and composting", as a discussion point for this meeting, which was discussed as follows:

BR suggested using Ambassador Schools to promote the scheme [Eco Schools](https://www.eco-schools.org/), with the particular example of Birchwood School as a potential local exemplar to hold up to raise the profile of Eco Schools. (There is a scheme of Ambassador Schools in Northern Ireland [Ambassador Eco-Schools \(eco-schoolsni.org\)](https://www.ambassador-eco-schools.org/)) Eco Schools carries a fee of £200 per school to progress towards Green Flag status, with the suggestion that Greenprint Forum seek sponsorship to help fund and encourage local schools to join.

EK suggested Kids Against Plastic, a group based in the UK who run the scheme [Plastic Clever Schools – Reducing single use plastics](https://www.plasticclever.org/) and the emerging project [Climate Clever Schools – A Planet Clever Schools site](https://www.climateclever.org/) which is now open for registration. **ACTION** – EK to investigate further.

JH suggested collation of a database of knowledge and skills from across the network for sharing more broadly and facilitating connectivity between members. **ACTION** – DW to investigate GDPR implications and if feasible, conduct survey of network to identify those willing to have their details made available for the purpose.

JH enquired about the timeline for next iteration of Suffolk Hedgerow Survey. Hedgerows are a key wildlife corridor and their management is determined by landowners. The first survey,

published in 2012, commenced in 1998 and involved some 2000 volunteers so a repeat would be a substantial undertaking. **ACTION – DW** to check with SBIS, the process for obtaining parish level data for the original SHS, and discuss with SBIS to better understand the level to which the data was being accessed, the uses to which it was being put, and how to understand the need for the survey to be updated.

Update on Nature First Grants

The fund has now allocated £19,727.49 of the original budget of £20,000 since its launch in June 2021. The scheme has processed a total of 33 applications, of which 26 were approved, and 7 rejected. Applicants came from a broad geographical spread with projects based in 7 of the 8 Community Partnership areas receiving funding, though with a greater cluster of applicants in the southern half of the district. Six members of the Steering Group (JH, JM, SH, CR, EK and BR) have served as panellists on at least one occasion.

SH suggested that should the fund be relaunched, then an additional condition of funding to be the submission, as part of the follow up monitoring and evaluation, by the applicant of a short video to summarise their project.

Updates from Steerers

- LM/Greener Peasenhall

Attended a webinar on the Community Energy Bill the week before, covering the creation and conservation of energy at local level. LM is also involved in the thermal imagery project for his community.

- JH/Transition Woodbridge

JH was also involved in the thermal imaging survey with positive reception in Woodbridge and has sent feedback to Claire Ling at the SCCP. JH noted that the project generated plenty of opportunities for discussion with residents, but also identified the need for more awareness of those simple actions that householders can take.

Transition Woodbridge are holding an Environmental Food Fair at Whisstocks on 22 April to promote local food projects.

- SH/Kirton

Noted that Superdrugs with a pharmacy will collect plastic pill packaging for recycling [Waste & Recycling | Doing Good Feels Super | Superdrug](#)

- JM

JM expressed his gratitude to the whole Steering Group for their mutual support in delivery of green agenda at ESC over the course of his term as Portfolio Holder for the Environment and elected representative on Greenprint Steering Group, and wished the Steering Group and

the wider Greenprint Forum well for future initiatives and projects. All present expressed appreciation for JM's input and support to the Greenprint Forum during that time.

Updates on ESC Green Agenda

Due to insufficiency of time to include a verbal report, readers are directed to pages 348 to 357 of the document linked below which was the update provided by the ESC Environment Task Group to ESC Cabinet on 3 March 2023.

[Document.ashx \(cmis.uk.com\)](#)