

Notes of the East Coast Greenprint Steering Group

1 October 2014

Group members attending:

Andrew Cassy, BT and BCG (Chair)
Betsy Reid, WALGA
Cathy Smith, SCH(AONB)
Debbie Wargate, SC&WDCs
Guy Ackers, SHS
Nick Collinson, SCC
Peter Ross, SC&WDCs
Phil Gore, SC&WDCs

Group members tending apologies:

Ben McFarland, RSPB
Cllr Andrew Nunn, SC&WDCs
John Taylor, SCCP
Keith Moore, EA
Luke Bennett, ESP

People who will receive the minutes for their reference:

Simon Hooton, SBA
Simon Amstutz, SCH(AONB)
Richard Best, SCDC/WDC

Item	Action
SCDC Planning update	<p>All to review and respond independently to Consultation on Community Infrastructure Levy before Monday 17 November 2014. (www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/planning/cil)</p> <p>Completed forms should be returned to the Planning Policy and Delivery Team via email to suffolkcoastallocalplan@eastssuffolk.gov.uk or posted back to the council.</p> <p>All to check attached list of planning contacts and ensure all environmental organisations that should be included are. (Complete revised list sent to Mark 22.10.2014)</p>
Actions from the last meeting	<p>AN to speaker to SWP to see if the current 2 sack load could be increased to half a trailer.</p>
One outstanding item to carry forward	

LEADER Funding	CS/DW to update when we know outcome.
Health and the Natural Environment – ways to support	DW to follow up with NC,AC and SWT (Nb. Draft guidance note)
Events and activities All suggested activities and agreed in principle to these and to Greenest County T-shirt use.	DW to develop (talk to LB and NC about Nov, SEEN and electric vehicles) and circulate full list so finalised one can be printed and included on stall at ESP conference. DW to create display. LB to book Greenprint stall at the conference. All asked to attend the Saturday 8 November litter pick at Pakefield if possible as we will be using it to raise the profile of the forum in Waveney and with portfolio holder. Please let DW know you are coming. All asked to review the events list and identify where they can help and if there are any gaps we need to fill.
Update on our work programme	DW to remove action relating to health walks, revise the link into ESRN to reporting back on minutes and circulating dates of ESRN meetings to members, talk to NC about his actions and circulate update. All to review and share/contribute where possible
Update from members	
<p>BT Large wormery is being installed, on site nature reserve with signage continues to be used by staff, cycle parking continues to be used, staff electric vehicle day was a success with a good level of interest in vehicles.</p> <p>Suffolk Coastal District Council Waveney Cabinet recently received support after it voted unanimously to ban sky lanterns and the mass release of balloons from our land and would like to encourage all landowners and event organisers to consider doing the same. http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourcouncil/policies/sky-lanterns-and-balloons/</p> <p>The Countryside Team will be outsourced from April 2015. In the meantime with funding from the Tree Council match to Country side team budget £580 is available for tree wardens in Suffolk Coastal.</p> <p>Suffolk Hedgerow Survey Interest continues. PG to speak to Nick Newton about long term storage given move to electronic records and risk of documents being lost to individuals or Parish Councils. GA to bring spare reports to ESP conference to put on stall.</p> <p>WALGA Community Composting is progressing well.</p>	

Next Meeting: TBC

Additional notes:

1. LEADER is one of Europe's most successful rural development programmes. LEADER allows local people to make decisions about Common Agricultural Policy funding for local projects (Approx. 2.1 Million for our area over 5 years if successful). It provides support for jobs, capital investment and business growth in rural areas at a local level. The consultants Rural Advice have submitted the bid and we now await outcome, should hear in November. The Greenprint Forum is included on the list of members at this stage and Cathy Smith and Debbie Wargate are the contacts.
2. Our 20 year anniversary is in 2016. Let's plan in advance for a year of special celebration and action which will help our environment and the people who rely on it for their health and livelihoods. Guy has provided a list of those who attended the first ever meeting. So it could be a chance to bring in old and new members alike. (Inaugural meeting of Greenprint was on 6 February 1996 at 6.30 pm in the council chamber. 49 members attended. After Chris Opperman of BBC Radio Suffolk cut the tape, the meeting went into workshop mode immediately to help decide on the way ahead.)
3. **PNR's** while an important part of the mix are thought to be outside the remit of the Greenprint Forum . They may be affected by the Defra new rule for a minimum of 5 hectares relates to the total landholding of the one and the same landowner. The land titles may be spread over a wide area and need NOT be adjoining but should be treated in one single grant application to the Rural Payments Agency. The requirements for 'Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition' have been generally tightened up a little. How much is not clear however.