

Devon LNP Board meeting
2nd December 2013

Minutes

Present: Sue Goodfellow (Chair), Dr Virginia Pearson, Professor Martin Attrill, Harry Barton, James Diamond, Robin Milton, Corinna Woodall, Elaine Cook.

In attendance: Peter Chamberlain, Sarah Jennings

Apologies: Nicola Bulbeck

1. Prospectus / conference

Prospectus signed off. Agreed that a conference should be held in early March and that the Prospectus should be sent out with invitations.

Action Sec to organise conference, March 2014

2. Delivery Plan (Paper 3)

Agreed proposed approach as set out in the paper. Agreed Board champions for each aim and theme and that SJ would discuss with each how they would engage in the development of the delivery plan.

Leads for the three aims:

Sue Goodfellow - Green Economy

Elaine Cook – Reconnecting People and Nature

Harry Barton – Protecting and improving Devon’s natural environment

Leads for themes:

Virginia Pearson – Naturally Healthy

Nicola Bulbeck – Green Connections

David Weatherly – Outdoor Learning

Robin Milton – Farming with Nature

Corinna Woodall – Wood for Good

James Diamond – Resilient Wetlands

Martin Attrill – SustainableSeas

3. National LNP meeting with Robin Mortimer, Defra Director

SG attended for SW LNPs. RM agreed to raise the profile of LNPs with Ministers, to consider the need for ‘Investment Strategies for Nature’ and to consider the role that LNPs should play in the RDP and biodiversity offsetting. Defra to provide LNPs with ‘account managers’. March Ministerial meeting to be organised. Noted that LNP members such as Jurassic Coast team are linked to other government departments such as DCMS. Important for LNP to make these connections with other gov dpts.

4. Consultations

Agreed that this would be a rolling agenda item as needed.

5. LEP

NE Environment Toolkit (LEED) workshop being organised by the LEP for the NewYear.

Action: SG / Sec to continue to work with Plymouth and Somerset to influence the LEP SEP.

6. Added Value –Devon partnerships and MoUs

Devon Strategic Partnership – next meeting is in May 2014. DSP has set up a Sustainable Food Group. Chaired by Martin Goss and co-ordinated by DCC. HB sits on this Group and can provide the link to the LNP.

Devon & Somerset Rural Farming Network. EC sits on the group and can provide links to LNP. Need to clarify the remit of the network and how it fits with the LNP.

Rural Growth Network – Potential for this to become a Devon Rural Forum?

Action: Sec to catch up with Nigel Stone who rep the environment on this group.

Agreed that the LNP would develop MoUs with Forum members (see Paper 4) to ensure that their role within the LNP is clear. Rural Farming Network and DSP to be added to the list given in Paper 4.

Action: Sec to draft MoUs, agree with Chair and send to Chairs of the partnerships to discuss.

7. Task and finish groups

Naturally Healthy group met recently. Lit review undertaken and Public Health to commission a behaviour change scoping review linked to work in Exeter and DNP (focus on Buckfastleigh)

Action: HB to send terms of reference to Sec for the sustainable seas group.

Next Board meeting – 3.30pm, Monday 7nd April 2014.