

Devon LNP Board meeting  
30<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Minutes

Present: Sue Goodfellow (Chair), Nicola Bulbeck, Professor Martin Attrill, John Holmes, Corinna Woodall, Dr Virginia Pearson, Harry Barton, Robin Milton, David Weatherly. Greg Davies (for Elaine Cook)

In attendance: Peter Chamberlain, Sarah Jennings

Apologies: Elaine Cook

### 1. Stover Tour

- Excellent discussion tour of Stover Country Park led by Jon Avon (Site Manager)

### 2. New Environmental Land Management Scheme

JH provided a brief update on NELMS development. Will be launched in the New Year with first schemes starting in 2016. 7 year programme with 5 year agreements. Will involve invite only applications (similar to HLS), on line applications for simpler schemes and universal capital grants. David Appleton (NE) is organising workshops to validate national data sets being used for targeting. This is being done on behalf of the LNP. Sue to chair the Devon workshop on 15<sup>th</sup> July and Robin on 17<sup>th</sup> July. Webinar being organising by NE - <http://www.naturaldevon.org.uk/update-on-the-new-environmental-land-management-scheme-nelms/>

Action: SG and RM to Chair the NELMS workshops and help NE to develop the scheme. SJ to input as needed.

### 3. Theme updates (headlines)

**Naturally healthy - VP:** Behaviour Change Scoping report and Lit review about to be finished. VP emphasised that this work would not have happened without the LNP. Public Health Grant to LAs is being used by Dartmoor and Exmoor National Parks to employ a Naturally Healthy Officer. Dartmoor work builds on the LNP research findings. Sue G and Patsy Temple gave a presentation on this work at the recent Defra LNP health workshop. DW emphasised the links between this work and Outdoor Learning work (EA, National Parks etc). CW emphasised the need to role out learning into the AONBS (which less well resourced than the NPs).

Action: Recommendations to be discussed and signed off at next Board meeting. Board leads to then help take forward recommendations

**Green connections - NB:** Jonny Miller (Exec lead and TDC GI Officer) is working with other GI Officers to clarify actions. Devon GI meeting to be held in August.

**Outdoor learning - DW:** DW gave an update on DESWG work and has set out key actions to be included in the Action Plan. DESWG pages on the LNP website have been improved (useful interactive map of partners added – see <http://www.naturaldevon.org.uk/about-us/structure/forum/devon-education-for-sustainability-working-group-deswg/>). DW emphasised the need to lobby for change in the Ofsted inspection framework for schools and settings.

Action: DW to draft a letter to Minister and Head of Ofsted for DESWG and then for LNP endorsement. Note potential to send out on behalf of all LNPs.....?

**Farming with Nature – RM.** Further discussion on NELMS and how it will work in Devon. Importance of effective targeting. Potential role for the LNP in ensuring that partners don't compete for landscape scale project funding. Meeting held between RM, SJ, Paul Cottingham and John Waldon to discuss a lead for this theme (to support Paul) and identify a few actions.

Action: SJ to write up the actions following the meeting with RM, PC and JW and circulate to them for agreement. Continue to feed into the development of NELMS.

**Wood for Good – CW.** Meeting held with SJ and Mark Prior (FC) to discuss next steps. Wood fuel meeting to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July to bring together key stakeholders to promote joint working / funding bids. See <http://www.naturaldevon.org.uk/priorities-and-projects/wood-for-good/wood-for-good-how-we-are-working-to-achieve-our-vision/>. Other actions to be agreed – potential to link to FC autumn workshop.

Action: CW to chair woodfuel workshop on 3<sup>rd</sup> July

**Resilient Wetlands – JH.** Orlando Venn (NE) has been asked to produce an overview of current work across Devon and identify gaps.

Action: SJ to chase OV for the table and discuss next steps

**Sustainable Seas – MA** Richard White (DWT) is discussing potential actions with partners. Workshop to be held in the autumn to discuss the action plan.

#### **Action Plan - SJ**

Action: All leads to edit SJ's draft plan and send to SJ. SJ to update and put on website.

#### **Other actions**

SG to attend LEP Rural meeting

SJ to arrange Compact with Torby H&WBB

SJ to produce generic powerpt for Natural Devon

SJ / SG to discuss Ministerial visit – potential to use Stover as a location?

**Next Board meeting – 2pm, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September (3pm for main meeting)**