

Devon LNP Executive Group meeting 30th April 2014

Draft Minutes (actions)

Attendees: Peter Chamberlain (DCC, Chair), Cathy Fitzroy (NE), Sarah Jennings (DCC, sec), Patsy Temple (DCC), Mark Rice (EA), Mark Robins (RSPB), Peter Burgess (DWT, for Susan)

Apologies: Robin Toogood (South Devon AONB), Susan Warren (DWT), Paul Cottington (NFU), Tracy Brooks (Torbay Council), Steven Edmonds (EDDC)

1. Welcome

- Noted that Mark Lane (DCC) has had to resign from the group due to other work pressures. Thanks to Mark for his help.

2. Actions from Nov meeting + updates

Green economy

- NE's workshop on the LEED (Local Environment and Economic Development) toolkit was organised by the LEP and held on 6 Feb. Discussion fed into development of the LEP's Strategic Economic Plan. Final report has been produced.
- Devon, Somerset and Plymouth LNPs had a useful first meeting with Chris Garcia (CEO of the LEP) in March. Agreed that quarterly meetings would be held.
- The three LNPs have fed into the LEP's SEP which has now been finalised.
- The structure of the LEP is evolving. Agreed that the three LNPs would have a joint place on the LEP's Place Group (to be shared between LNPs – largely between Mark Robins, RSPB and Kat Deeney, Plymouth City / LNP). LEP is considering the need for a Rural Special Interest Group and has sent out a questionnaire. LNPs to agreed rep for the group.

Action: **SJ** to put LEED report on LNP website

CF to spk to Tom Butterworth to find out if LEP has commissioned further LEED levels.

All – identify the ask / projects which need funding

Naturally Healthy

- Sue Goodfellow attended the March Devon Health and Wellbeing Board meeting and the Compact was signed. This has been placed on the Naturally Healthy webpage on LNP website.
- NH task and finish group has commissioned a behaviour change scoping review (being undertaken by DCC's public health team + Transform Research (Nigel Tremlett). Meeting held this morning.

Actions: **SJ / SG** to arrange for Compact with Torbay H&WBB to be signed.

PT – circulate presentation from the NH meeting + scoping report when appropriate

Sustainable seas

DWT and Martin Attrill are setting up a Task and Finish group to start developing a Marine Strategy / Action Plan.

Action: **SJ** to circulate details to Exec when appropriate.

Evidence base

- **State of Nature** launched at the March conference. Lots of publicity including ITV, Spotlight, Western Morning News and Radio Devon (also see comms below).
- **State of Environment** to be live on the website within the next month (final changes being discussed with DCC's Public Health team to ensure that it can feed into their Joint Strategic Needs Assessment).
- **Explore Devon** website being produced and hopefully finished to be launched at the Devon Show (links to Naturally Healthy work)

Comms

- Newsletter sent out in January (to advertise the conference and prospectus).
- Website has been updated to reflect the Prospectus – some pages still to go live and more work needed to improve it.
- Noted that there is a national State of Nature conference in September – op to link / raise awareness of the Devon State of Nature report? (noted that Bristol is the 2015 winner of the European Green Capital award)

Action: SJ to meet DWT / RSPB (Tony Whitehead) to discuss next steps reg media as follow up to State of Nature – discuss links to national Sep conference.....

3. Conference

SJ fed back on comments on the conference. Generally comments were very positive. Overall people wanted more time for networking / seminars and fewer presentations. Thoughts from Exec included:

- Should be an annual event and similar format
- Is great networking opportunity – something that we have less of these days due to work pressures
- Noted that very few people left before the end
- Important to capture the value of events / **soft LNP outcomes**
- Important to capture / link with emerging themes such as social and environmental justice and a sustainable / green economy

4. Structure and operation of the LNP

PC gave an overview on strengths and weaknesses of work to date.

Strengths include:

- Capacity building carried out at an early stage, enthusiastic and involved Board, objectives clearly aligned with the NEWP, state of env will help to show the broad environmental agenda, dev good links with the LEP and health sector.

Weaknesses include:

- Not managed to build fully on capacity building work (esp reg ensuring that Forum members understand their role within the LNP), need to ensure that Torbay is fully involved and that we continue to work with Plymouth LNP, broader env check needed (given focus to date on State of Nature), Exec Group possibly not working as well as the Board – role needs re-assessing through development of the Delivery Plan, funding.....

Agreed that we need to continue to improve communication – all agreed that Exec meetings are important to ensure effective comms between orgs / sectors.

Actions: Sec to follow up previous actions reg MoUs with key partnerships.
Sec to find out more reg. how other LNPs are funded (incl Oxfordshire, Wiltshire).

5. Delivery Plan / next steps.

SJ talked through proposed next steps for producing the Delivery Plan as discussed with the Board. Exec members suggested a few people who could be asked to lead on developing priority themes.

Next meeting 2pm, Wed 16th July. Sec to doodle a meeting for early June (pre Board) to discuss delivery plan.