

Devon LNP Executive Group meeting 6th October 2014

Minutes (actions)

Attendees: Peter Chamberlain (DCC, Chair), Mark Rice (EA), Mark Prior (FC), Richard White (DWT), Jonny Miller (TDC), Roland Stonex (FWAG), Cathy Fitzroy (NE), Sarah Jennings (DCC, sec), Tracy Brooks (Torbay Council)

Apologies: Robin Toogood (South Devon AONB), Susan Warren (DWT), Paul Cottington (NFU), Patsy Temple (DCC), Orlando Rutter (DNPA), Orlando Venn (NE)

1. Updates on priority themes

Naturally Healthy

- Sep 16th Board meeting was held at Occombe Farm and focused on the Naturally Healthy theme. Mike Roberts from Torbay H&WBB attended and the Compact between Natural Devon and the TH&WBB was signed.
- Meeting with Matt Evans (CEO Active Devon held on 23rd September to make links
- Behaviour change scoping review to be launched / promoted at a NH workshop on 27th November – speaker include Public Health, Active Devon, National Parks, DWT, Exeter and East Devon GI.

Actions:

All promote the workshop to others.

Outdoor Learning

- Further to an LNP meeting with NE there is an opportunity to obtain some NE funding to take forward OL and NH themes in schools. DESWG leading and discussing with Natural Connections.
- Agreed that a 2015 autumn conference for schools will be held.
- Noted that the requirement for outdoor space at schools has gone – need to raise this with DW.
- Questioned as to how the Devon Marine Educators Network links to DESWG
- Should more be done on school governor training?

Actions:

DESWG / PT to continue to develop the schools and health project + progress the conference.
RW to check whether the Devon Marine Educators Network is involved in DESWG / links?.

Farming with nature

- NELMS targeting / data validation workshops held in July and Chaired by Sue Goodfellow and Robin Milton.
- SJ wrote to Lord de Mauley on behalf of LNPs nationally setting out serious concerns with the NELMS targeting process and the use of local data. Sue Goodfellow then invited to sit on the national steering group for NELMS rep LNPs.
- Roland Stonex has agreed to help PC and RM lead this theme. RS, PC, RM and Matt Lobley met on 3rd October to come up with headline actions. Include:
 - greater promotion of the third Devon Food, Farming and Nature celebration event.
 - Media coverage in WMN
 - Resurrecting the Otter Awards / links to DEBI
 - Adviser challenge – improving CPD for advisers / better coordination etc
 - Sustainable Intensification event / Research seminar with North Wyke
 - Max benefits from NELMS
 - Branding

Actions:

RS, PC to continue to develop farming actions.
Sec – LNP website used to facilitate ‘consultation’ on targeting for NELM

Wood for Good

- 16 people attended a meeting held on 3rd July which brought together woodfuel interests and ensure links between projects across Devon. Details on LNP website. Meeting with LEP forestry rural interest group to be held in mid October to discuss potential woodfuel bid to the LEP. Important to ensure that LEP / LNP work together on this issue.
- North Devon Biosphere has submitted a Forestry Enterprise Zone bid to the LEP. MP to look at whether this could be broadened out – LEADER groups linked in?
- National FC bid to the Farming and Forestry Productivity Scheme linked to woodfuel – linked to West of England project – ‘bringing woodlands into management’. MP to keep us updated.

Actions:

MP / CW continue to develop the wood fuel group and funding bid.

Resilient wetlands

- OV / ME have organised a meeting for 16th October to take this agenda forward and clarify link between LNP and Catchment Partnerships. WCRT, EA, SWW, DWT, FWAG and LNP Sec attending.

Actions:

OR / MR – progress theme and working group

Sustainable Seas

- 14 people attended a SS workshop on 8th September to begin to discuss the SS Action Plan and priority actions. First step is to pull together marine data. Details on the LNP website.

Actions:

RW to progress the Action Plan with partners.

2. LEP funding opportunities and ESIF

- Confirmed that Sue Goodfellow will be the env rep on the LEP’s ESIF Committee.
- Agreed that we need to find out more about ESIF funding – what it will fund.....
- Note that Mark Robins reps LNP on the Place Group and Sue G on the Rural Interest Group.

Actions:

SG / MR – continue to work with LEP re ESIF and other funding opportunities.

3. Ministerial visit

Lord de Mauley visiting LNP on 17 or 19th November. Plan to involve all Board members + NIA – visit Witheridge Moor + presentations from Board members after.

Actions:

SJ – continue to organise Minister visit

4. Exec meetings

Agreed that meetings are needed and that could be based on a quick round table update and then focus on key issues such as funding, engagement (LEP / LNP relationship).

Actions:

Theme leads – to update their LNP action plan page after every Exec meeting and send to SJ

5. Comms

Agreed that theme leads need to pick up on any comms needed (press releases etc). Need for all to use internal comms networks to improve understanding of the LNP.

Actions:

All – to take forwards comms opportunities when possible + help to improve the website (comments to SJ or theme leads to get editing access and improve their pages)

SJ – to put a generic LNP presentation on the website that others can use + send out newsletter by end Oct.