

Broadland Catchment Partnership - Steering Group

MINUTES



Thursday 2nd October 2014 (10am - 1pm)

Harnser Room, Dragonfly House, Environment Agency, 2 Gilders Way, Norwich, NR3 1UB

Attendees: Andrea Kelly (Chair), Barry Bendall, Dave Brady, Graham Brown, Bob Bulmer, Geoff Doggett, Tony Goodwin, Greg Hall, John Lewis, Bridget Marr, Fay Outram, Neil Punchard, Richard Reynolds, Ian Robinson, Rory Sanderson, Nigel Simpson, Heidi Thompson, Rob Wise, Lottie Carlton (minutes)

Apologies: Rebecca Banks, Will Robinson, Henry Walker

	Action items	Actions
1.	Welcome, introductions, apologies	None
	Apologies were received as above. New members to the group were welcomed and introductions were made round the room.	
2.	Minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 2014	None
	The minutes were agreed as accurate. All actions had been completed.	
3.	Catchment mapping	None
	Graham Brown, Norfolk County Council, gave a presentation 'Flood Risk Management in Norfolk' (see attached). Comments and answers to questions arose as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was confirmed that Suffolk County Council was not undertaking a similar exercise. • Thresholds discussions were viewed as important. • Double counting needed to be addressed e.g. IDB and BESL in same catchment. • How to prioritise damage costs was queried. • Surface water in smaller developments needed further work and partner's help would be needed for any funding bids. • Outcomes were long term and funding was sometimes not set up this way. • Norfolk was responding to the EA WFD catchments consultation. 	
4.	Activity since the last steering group meeting	
	Newsletter: Steering Group members were reminded to send NP activity updates for the Newsletter between meetings. GIS update: Layers were being worked on and tied in with the NCC flood risk maps with the addition of recreation, ecology etc. Field level risks and opportunities for collaboration were being looked at. A workshop was planned for 4 th December. Disruption of tramlines: Research was ongoing regarding equipment for disruption of tramlines. Funding and initiatives going forward were also being explored. Videos were available showing trials and demos undertaken last year. Further trials were planned. This was something of particular interest to the National Trust for their properties. Run off model: Verification and refinement was being undertaken including comparison of models and comparison with aerial and infrared photography. Bure, Ant, Muckfleet sediment finger printing results: Natural England's final report was completed. Delays had been due to quality control of data/the report. NP had produced a two page summary. Partners were keen to see the report.	ALL

	<p>Action: NS to confirm when the report/summary would be available to outside bodies.</p> <p>ADAS techniques: There was concern over uncertainties and care was needed when presenting results. Farmers were critical as ground truthing didn't concur.</p>	NS
5.	Work plan and action plan update	
	The work plan had been agreed and signed off.	
6.	Funding options	
	<p>Facilitator role: NP's role was covered to end of March 2015 with potential to extend for a few months. It was agreed this post was vital to the BCP and should continue.</p> <p>Action: AK to circulate a breakdown of costs for the BCP Facilitating Officer role.</p> <p>NELMS: Large scale delivery of biodiversity and water projects was a requirement for funding. This fit well with the BCP objectives.</p> <p>Rural development funding through LEPS: Job creation, economic growth and agricultural innovation were the drivers for this funding stream.</p> <p>RDPE LEADER: Grants were available for jobs growth and water efficiency. BCP could help with signposting these grants to farmers.</p> <p>Interreg / LIFE: Broadland was eligible for most of the Interreg and LIFE funding streams. Norfolk County Council was attending conferences in Lille to investigate.</p> <p>European fisheries fund: This fit with BCP actions and IDB eel work.</p> <p>Horizon20: UEA was likely to put in a bid with SUDS and partners to Horizon20.</p> <p>General comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was important when making funding bids to always think about how it linked to other partners' work. • A mapped projects register and an understanding of priorities would be useful. • Sharing of information, although problematic regarding data protection and licenses, needed to be explored. An event in Swaffham would be looking at flood risk management and improving funding and a map would be produced highlighting collaborations and gaps. <p>Action: NP to investigate shared documents and data protection issues.</p>	<p>AK</p> <p>NP</p>
7.	CRF project development	
	<p>Catchment plan actions where it was agreed to seek funding for projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constructed wetlands for P removal (Action 2.2) • Rural SuDS (Action 4.2) • River floodplain reconnection (Action 5.1) • Fish barriers (Action 5.3) 	
8.	Partner Updates	
	<p>Projects:</p> <p>National Trust: Woody debris work – approval in for in-stream modifications, riffles, tree planting, reconnection of cut-off meander and crossing points. Technical help for fish by pass channel and water flow offered by EA. A 2000 hectare plot umbrella scheme was being looked at by consultants and rural surveyors.</p> <p>River Waveney Trust:</p> <p>Potential project 'stinky ditch' (similar to above) was looking for support from local businesses. An agri advice partnership hosted by the Trust was about to start with involvement from Essex & Suffolk Water and Frontier. An eel project was about to be</p>	

<p>implemented. A generic smart phone app with online facilities for recording photos/10-15sec videos/gps of incidents (e.g. pollution, flora/fauna ID etc.) was being tested at a workshop prior to being launched. How to validate data was being looked at. Action: GD/RS/DB to meet to discuss NT and WRT projects.</p> <p>Rural SUDS: Farmers, Highways mapping needs translation into priorities. A December workshop would review soft interventions, thresholds, impact on properties linked to multiple benefits mapping.</p> <p>UEA/Wensum DTC: Wet Woodland funding had been secured from the Forestry Commission likely focussing on road run-off. Mitigation measures had been trialled for a year and figures were being analysed. Yields had been comparable for each test area. Phase 2 of this project's funding would start in April with an emphasis on upscaling. A PhD student would be looking at modelling work as part of this.</p> <p>Anglian Water: A review of priorities and identifying hot spots would lead to clarification over links into the BCP. Diffuse pollution in coastal areas and septic tanks were particular areas where collaboration would be helpful.</p> <p>Action: JL to share results with the group from monitoring of sewage outputs and diverting through cells in a constructed wetland.</p> <p>RSPB: The Future Landscapes project was coming to an end. Water quality and sediment work was ongoing. An Interreg/BLM/RSPB collaboration was looking at wading birds in the whole of the Broads flood plain. A funding bid had been submitted to Sport England re canoeing and access.</p> <p>EA: A 6 month River Basin and Flood Risk Management consultation was still open until the 10th Oct. Walkovers and farm visits in phosphate failing areas were taking place. Raising awareness re septic tanks was continuing. Good projects were needed re flood risk benefits for funding bids from November into next year (6 year funding horizon). A WFD compliance problem (ecology vs navigation) was being looked into at North Walsham and Dilham canal.</p> <p>Farm Conservation: Work had been commissioned to look at farmer intentions re management of marshes. This would include face to face interviews and surveys. A report was due next week. An article on tramline management was included in the Farm Conservation newsletter.</p> <p>Norfolk Rivers Trust: Funding was available until march. An HLF bid was in for Ingol river, a City and Guilds in River Restoration was being developed as part of the bid. Volunteers were monitoring invertebrates and recording pollution incidents on 4 rivers as part of the River Fly partnership. This had led to prosecutions.</p> <p>Hutchinsons/Farm Advice Service: Three meetings were planned looking at CAP reform and greening measures to maximise environmental benefit.</p> <p>NFU: Business update meetings were focussing on WFD consultation, water quality issues, CAP/Greening and NELMS. A workshops follow up meeting with Defra had reviewed the negative feedback received regarding accuracy of mapping and data sets. There had been misunderstanding of mid-tier bid criteria. There would be a consultation on a draft document between 3rd and 14th November, comments welcomed.</p> <p>Rivers Trust: The annual conference was taking place at Kings Lynn on 26th November with sessions on lowland rivers. WFD consultation workshop dates would be circulated soon. Rivers Trust had been approached by Defra regarding easier, smaller catchment regulations/projects and involvement of BCP as a consultee.</p> <p>Action: BB to circulate invite for a 3 hour Defra workshop to present and discuss the</p>	<p>GD/RS/DB</p> <p>JL</p> <p>BB</p>
--	--

	<p>idea above with BCP steering group members.</p> <p>Norfolk County Council: As per presentation. The Local Flood Risk Management plan was out to consultation with partners prior to public consultation.</p> <p>Broads Authority: Strategic tree/scrub removal and soft erosion techniques were integrating assets protection with the dredging programme. The Egyptian geese problem was being addressed via a landowner focus. A shoot was planned for November. A Landscape Partnership Scheme bid was being developed for submission to the HLF in May concentrating on a triangular area between Norwich, Lowestoft and Yarmouth. The focus of the bid was Mills, Marshes and Archaeology.</p> <p>General Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were good examples nationally to learn from. • Encouraging practicalities of working together was key. Collaboration, strategic approach, shared expertise and costs and help with applications was viewed as essential for projects work. • Showcasing low cost techniques was essential. Videoing before, during and after project work would help to promote, inspire and share knowledge. • Badging projects to the partnership was essential. • A subgroup would need to look at priorities for rural SUDS/funding approaches. • It was confirmed that the Norfolk Non-Native Species Initiative were the main group looking at invasive species projects and could be approached for advice. • Working more cooperatively with Anglian Water was welcomed. 	
9.	AOB	
	None	
10.	Date of next meeting	
	tbc via doodle poll, Harnser Room, Dragonfly House, Environment Agency, 2 Gilders Way, Norwich, NR3 1UB	

Action Summary

Who	What and deadline
All	Steering Group members were reminded to send NP activity updates for the Newsletter between meetings for next newsletter by 30.11.14.
NS	Confirm when the report/summary would be available to outside bodies by 01.11.14.
AK	Circulate a breakdown of costs for the BCP Facilitating Officer role by 01.11.14.
NP	Investigate shared documents and data protection issues by 04.12.14.
GD/RS/DB	Meet to discuss NT and WRT projects by 30.11.14.
JL	Share results with the group from monitoring of sewage outputs and diverting through cells in a constructed wetland by 01.02.14.
BB	Circulate invite for a 3 hour Defra workshop to present and discuss the idea above with BCP steering group members by 22.10.04.

Visit: www.broadlandcatchmentpartnership.org.uk to download the catchment plan.

Email: admin@broadlandcatchmentpartnership.org.uk for further information.