

Broadland Catchment Partnership - Steering Group MINUTES

10am, 20th March 2014

Waveney Room, Yare House, BA

Attendees: Andrea Kelly (Chair), Barry Bendall, Martin Bowes, Sarah Cunningham, Jonathan Lewis, Bridget Marr, Neil Punchard, Will Robinson, Lottie Carlton (minutes)

Apologies: Tony Goodwin, Victoria Fradley, Philip Pearson, Henry Walker

	Action items	Actions
1.	Welcome, apologies, volunteer for note taker	None
	Apologies were received as above. The Broads Authority had agreed to provide Lottie Carlton as administration cover for minuting the Broadland Catchment Partnership Steering Group meetings.	
2.	Minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2014	None
	<p>The minutes were not available.</p> <p>[Addendum: Missing from the originally circulated minutes for 20th March meeting: Discussion surrounding the Terms of Reference (TOR) that had been circulated prior to the meeting for comments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now that the group was moving into the delivery stages a review of the structure was required and the auditing process required a TOR. • A cohosting structure between BA and Norfolk Rivers Trust was agreed. • It was agreed not to use the BA executive area in wording. • The objectives were too vague and lacking aspiration. CABA and WFD delivery needed highlighting more directly. Some on-the-ground objectives were needed while recognising the strategic role of the group. E.g. (c)....that enables delivery of x on the ground. • Membership: A process for membership and roles was required. Anglia Water and NWT were missing. 'River Waveney Trust edit required. • The East Suffolk Catchment Partnership was open to all but with core members attending and was working well as a structure. It was felt important for the Broadland Catchment Partnership to have a core group, but these could be tailored to fit objectives. A few more open workshops were needed, but a move to local groups for the delivery stage would be required. Care was needed regarding hierarchy and involvement. <p>Action: BB to circulate a track changed version of the TOR and an example from the East Suffolk Catchment.]</p>	BB
3.	Activity since the last steering group meeting	
	<p>Budget: Thanks were given to partners for funding contributions to an extension of the Broadland Catchment Officer post. A surplus remained and as this was secured funding the group agreed to retain the surplus for unforeseen purposes. The budget was therefore accepted.</p> <p>Ecosystem services opportunity mapping: A template would be available. It was noted</p>	

	<p>Action: NP to rearrange objectives into aspirational table set up with a section for all partner organisations to comment against.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No 7 needed to have projects ready and costed should funding become available. • Ordering of the objectives was important. • Community engagement was not prominent enough. • Access to wellbeing needed to be highlighted. • Wensum tributaries to be included. • 5.3 The water companies have massive projects regarding eel screening. • Generation of real projects was key and walkover surveys along rivers would be an important way to highlight areas of concern. • Workshops needed to be split between organisations to share the workload and could be rationalised into smaller subject areas to target certain sectors. • A balance needed to be struck between aspiration and reality. • Missing Trialling SUDS in catchment. More targeted actions with timeframes. 	<p>NP</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Programme of work</p>	
	<p>AK for Rory Sanderson: The Environment Agency would be looking to identify areas of cross over with regards choice for the next big project on catchment. There was potential for a pilot working with LLFA and landowners on keeping water upstream, IDB and EA for in channel improvements, AWS for water efficiency, farmers for SUDS, NCC for highways. Combined forces will help push forward some of the actions in the Plan.</p> <p>BM: The Environment Agency’s draft Flood Risk 2014/15 document was completed (to be circulated once finalised). 2015/16 not yet determined. Eel regs were included. Funding bids in 3 topic areas were being made to Defra looking up to 6 years ahead.</p> <p>WR: Essex & Suffolk Water : Trinity Broads mud pumping (subject to OfWat funding), catchment management bid submitted for Waveney for whole farm approach, eel regs programme. Waveney reedbed would be completed in 2014/15.</p> <p>SC: 10 catchment sensitive farming workshops planned in 2015/16, 150 1-1 specialist visits and 365 farm visits. 13 applications were in for the Capital Grants Scheme.</p> <p>AK: Broads Authority planned funding bids included a potential Whitlingham Country Park youth hostel HLF bid, repeat of the HLF Yare Valley landscape partnership bid. A Hickling focus on navigational dredging with creative disposal and habitat improvements and a lake restoration project reviewing data were planned/ongoing.</p> <p>JL: A phosphorus stripping pilot project (passing through slag) would be going ahead at a location on the River Munn involving community input in replanting reedbed.</p> <p>MB: A pilot study was going ahead in the Pitsford area.</p> <p>Funding sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rivers Trust national funds could be available in the Broads if they fit criteria: An EU bid for communication funds re water would involve sharing knowledge via workshops/events with EU partners and UK experts to provide solutions to problems. World Fish Migration Day would communicate issues. The EFF funded project for eel works, passage, education events. All could include Broads related projects/events. • Catchment Restoration Fund (not guaranteed however). • EU funds – Horizon 2020 (clarity was needed regarding appropriate leads for project bids for this funding. It was noted that there were no limits on eligibility e.g. charity status). The group would need to liaise over most appropriate catchment funding bids for Horizon 2020. • Private investors e.g. British Sugar. A plan was needed regarding who to approach with requests for funding. BIFFA funded projects via community groups. 	<p>None</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HLF had funds available for smaller projects as well as larger bids. • GrantFinder searches were available to small groups through the Broads Authority. 	
6.	Field visit	
	It was agreed to visit Heachem circular walk on the 20 th May to look at an area of restored river and a section of planting. A half day visit was agreed followed by a 2 hour meeting. Lift share would be promoted.	
7.	Partner Updates	
	It was noted that staff changes at Anglian Water had been finalised and 3 coastal and 2 catchment officer posts had been appointed.	
8.	AOB	
	<p>SC: The sediment fingerprinting report was now available.</p> <p>BB: Three workshops took place in London, Lancashire and Gloucestershire with training for catchment posts in high priority topic areas; stakeholder engagement, river process and funding management. Presentations and videos from the workshops were available online.</p> <p>NP: Regarding a launch for the Broadland Catchment Plan, ideas were welcomed. Initial suggestions included an evening event with BBQ/food and community involvement. Media to be invited.</p>	
9.	Date of next meeting – a doodle poll to be circulated	