

Broadland Catchment Partnership - Steering Group Meeting

MINUTES



Tuesday 27th September 2016 (10am – 12.30pm)

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

Attendees: Andrea Kelly (Chair), Robert Camps, Richard Cooper, John Hiskett, Rob Holland, Sue Hogarth, Keith Lead, Amy Prendergast, Neil Punchard, Richard Reynolds, Ian Skinner, Heidi Smith, Christine Stevens, Robin Twigg, Rob Wise, Joss Moore, Lottie Carlton (minutes).

Apologies: Barry Bendall, Graham Brown, David Diggins, Geoff Doggett, Victoria Fradley, Matthew Philpot, Ian Robinson, Will Robinson, Rory Sanderson, Alison Smyth

	Action items	Actions
1.	Welcome, introductions, apologies	None
	Apologies were received as above.	
2.	Minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2016	
	<p>The minutes were agreed as accurate. Actions had been completed as per the action summary included in the agenda.</p> <p>A meeting of Farm Advisers to discuss co-ordinating events for the autumn and winter would follow the Broadland Catchment Partnership (BCP) meeting.</p>	
3.	BCP key activity since the last steering group meeting	
	<p>Barry Bendall and Geoff Doggett to give their presentation at the next BCP meeting.</p> <p>NP gave a presentation updating the group on key activities since the last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCP had attended events/given presentations promoting silt trap options at Clarke’s Farm, Martham, Norfolk FWAG farm walk at Repps, Wensum DTC conference, Norfolk Farm Machinery Club, Agri-tech East. • Liaison and meetings had taken place with Anglian Water and Frontier agronomists re. cover crops and trial sites, Forestry Commission re tree planting for water, landowners and Norfolk Rivers IDB re potential silt traps, UEA re Defra analysis, UEA re DTC Defra interview. • Further mapping work had taken place and this would soon be available via the National Parks portal website. • In-kind contributions from farmers (land/machinery provision and driver time) plus UEA monitoring contribution to be recorded. • List of potential areas to tackle with scoring used to prioritise. <p>Earthwake tool: New cross wheeling water diversion tool used to break up tram lines on compacted soil at 2m intervals. Lots of interest in the machinery at NORMAC. After discussion the group agreed to setting up trials and to purchasing an Earthwake tool (RR suggested catchment budget) to loan out to farmers to trial for free. Further detail to be drawn up by the BCP officer for the next SG meeting (action).</p> <p>Ideas for next newsletter to be forwarded to NP (action).</p>	<p>BB/GD</p> <p>NP</p> <p>All</p>
4.	EA Water Environment Improvement Fund bids	
	<p>AP updated the group on EA funding bids as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential partners were being sought for Defra water environment improvement projects (31st Oct deadline). Five priority waterbodies were being looked at - to be circulated after the meeting (action). • Ideas, including potential willing landowners, to go via NP (action). 	<p>AP</p> <p>All</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% match funding requirement but this can be 'in kind'. • Sub catchment farmer groups could assist with ideas. • Web mapping of projects will help to monitor project stages will be available from April 2017 	
5.	Diffuse Water Pollution Plans	
	<p>SH gave a presentation on diffuse water pollution plans, a NE and EA Defra funded joint project looking at 40 sites (7 in Broads, 1 Minsmere) with relevant partner organisation input. Presentation to be circulated (action).</p> <p>Comments and answers to questions as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most of the local sites are downstream of abstraction points and therefore do not fall under the water companies' water quality remit. • Workshops planned via the BCP could assist with data confidence and funding priorities and the BCP newsletter could be used for updates on the project. • There is a need to move away from yet more monitoring and modelling. • Funding of technique trialing would need NA/EA sign off via cost/benefit analysis. • Ant/Bure and Wensum plans will continue. 	SH
6.	Partner updates	
	Round the room updates were given (see attached sheet).	
7.	CaBA Defra review and feedback	
	CaBA interviews - good feedback . Thanks to Emily Vrain for interviews response.	
8.	Any other business	
	None	
9.	Date of next meeting	
	A doodle poll (for Dec 2016) will be circulated to arrange the next meeting date.	

Action Summary

Who	What	Deadline
Barry Bendall	To give presentation on Fisheries Plans at next BCP meeting.	December 2016
Geoff Doggett	To give presentation TraC fisheries monitoring at next BCP meeting.	December 2016
Neil Punchard	Further detail to be drawn up around purchasing an Earthwake tool (catchment budget) to loan out to farmers to trial for free.	December 2016
All	Items for next newsletter to be forwarded to NP	24/10/2016
Amy Prendergast	Circulate EA five priority waterbodies to partners via NP	20/10/2016
All	Send ideas for WEIF projects to NP	27/10/2016
Sue Hogarth	Circulate DWPP update presentation to partners via NP	27/10/2016

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