

Norfolk Climate Change Partnership Minutes

Date & Time: 27.07.2021 at 16:00

Location: Microsoft Teams

Present:

Lorraine Gore (Chair) - Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk

Dave Robson - Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk

Henry Saunders - Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk

Ged Greaves - Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk

Michel Bolabato - Breckland District Council

Kirsty Burns – Broadland District Council

Harry Mach - Broads Authority

Kate Blakemore - Great Yarmouth Borough Council

Ellen Goodwin - New Anglia LEP

Trevor Wiggett - Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework Member Forum

Annie Sommazzi - North Norfolk District Council

Richard Willson - Norwich City Council

Apologies:

Greg Pearson - Breckland District Council

Martin Horlock - Norfolk County Council

John Jones – Norfolk County Council

Robert Young – North Norfolk District Council

Alison Old - South Norfolk District Council

1. Welcome and notes from last meeting.

Minutes from 21/06/2021 approved.

2. Update on CRF bid.

HS highlighted that there was no official news yet and that the NCCP will be notified once news is received.

KB suggested that Ministers may not have considered the submissions yet and therefore, potential delays to August 2021 are expected.

Re-highlighted that BCKLWN will lead on the procurement process. Establishing an NCCP project team. The procurement contract will be one contract with 2 lots so there is the option to have one firm or possibly 2 firms. NCCP partners to be invited to inform tender documentation and evaluation of submissions.

3. Updates by exception.

HM updated on developments with Broads Authority. Firstly, their National Parks UK bid to have a stand at COP26 has been accepted. The Broads Authority will be involved in this and another potential project for COP26.

Secondly, an update on a peat research project. They commissioned a study undertaken by Queens University London to develop an assessment of peatland carbon stocks. Estimated 50m tonnes CO2 stored in Norfolk peat.

Next steps for this research will to undertake further soil core samples especially in areas without samples.

Link to the study was provided in the chat: <https://northsearegion.eu/media/17925/carbon-stocks-within-the-peat-of-the-broads-national-park.pdf>

It was also highlighted that there are several trial sites for Paludiculture in Norfolk and wider Fens: <https://www.greatfen.org.uk/big-ideas/wet-farming>

TW highlighted that the Norfolk Strategic Planning Forum has finalised a summary document highlighting strategic aims for local authorities when reviewing local plans and suggested actions regarding climate change. Also produced a topic document highlighting steps to take when focusing on climate change. This is available on Norfolk County Council website.

HS updated on progressing involvement in the Solar Together project for 2021/22, taking forward a tree planting project and considering EV charging possibilities with BP Pulse.

MB updated on a green community grant fund launched in July 2021 aimed at schools and community groups to apply for £500/£5-10k projects. Decisions will be taken in October 2021. There is a £100k pot.

RW highlighted that NCC is working with EON to submit bids for LAD/HUG funding.

LG updated on a conversation with the Suffolk CC Partnership. Interested to invite into our next meeting to hear more about their approach. £1m budget

4. NCCP workplan.

HS shared updated workplan on screen, seeking further information to update the proposed actions and feedback on content.

LG referred to several documents shared by Suffolk CCP that could further inform NCCP approach.

Comments provided are highlighted below.

LG suggested that we need to add an introductory page, partners and main aims and asked to check the date of next update required by Norfolk Chief Execs.

EG suggested to add the focus of the Clean Growth Taskforce if required.

LG welcomed wider input from other partners to demonstrate engagement across NCCP membership.

AS highlighted that we need to be clear that national funding is not secured yet by NCCP e.g. £100m. Need to include our work with our residents and communities. This could be included in the section on Comms but perhaps a wider matter.

RW mentioned the UEA student report on comms drawn from Climate Change citizen assembly that can be shared.

5. NCCP website.

HS shared screen and updated on domain name ideas, colour scheme and general refresh on individual page content.

Asked NCCP members to contact HS with any further suggestions/comments within next week.

6. COP26 toolkit

<https://beis.frontify.com/d/TVB3fZEUWNbm/tfop-co#/local-authorities-and-mayors>

HS circulated info about toolkit distributed by COP26. Invited comments from NCCP

AS informed on an NNDC event called Green World to be reframed and online events/workshops/webinars over COP26 period.

LG referred to the toolkit, highlighting that info about small things that we could do to make a difference would be a way to inform a Norfolk comms programme.

RW mentioned that NCC are considering potential comms work but would support Norfolk comms approach.

EG mentioned that the LEP are planning a business learning month on run up to COP26.

Need to arrange a follow up meeting to identify themes and then engage with comms leads to plan broadcast and engagement.

7. Joint comms / environmental days

HS outlined the circulated information about awareness days but may need to be sensitive to local issues and relevance to partners.

DR suggested that perhaps our initial focus should be on COP26 comms then consider future comms activities?

RW gave an overview of 'One Norwich' comms activities that can be shared.

HM mentioned that Norfolk County Council may be planning activities for some of these days and noted that this work could link to the Carbon Place mapping tool? E.g. world car free day?

<https://www.carbon.place/>

8. AOB.

None.

Next meeting Tuesday 17th August 2021, 16:00 - 17:30.

Duration: 1hr 30 mins