

**Lowland Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Local Nature  
Partnership**

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**BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2013  
Toyota Motor Manufacturing (UK) Ltd**

**MINUTES**

**Attendees**

Mike Ashworth (MA)	Derbyshire County Council
Anne Western (AW)	Derbyshire County Council
Tony Hams (TH)	E M Biodiversity Partnership
Tom Moat (TM)	Natural England
Sam Lattaway (SL)	National Forest Company
John Everitt (JE)	Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust
Martin Suthers (MS)	Nottinghamshire Health & Wellbeing Board
Helen Ross (HR)	Public Health Nottingham City Council
Frank Lucas (FW)	RSPB
Tony Walker (TW)	Toyota

**In attendance**

Adam Lathbury (AL)	Derbyshire County Council
Heather Stokes (HS)	Nottinghamshire County Council
Janet Valenti (JV)	Nottinghamshire County Council

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

TW welcomed Frank Lucas, Anne Western and Sam Lattaway to the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

Tim Farr	Trent RFCC
Rob Crowder	RCAN
Sophie Churchill	National Forest Company
Chris Hughes	Derby University
Alan Gorringer	Saint-Gobain

### **3. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

#### *Duty to Co-operate*

HS contacted Lincolnshire LNP with a view to discussing planning work undertaken by them. Unfortunately, as the contact was away on holiday, this action point will be carried forward.

**Action: HS to contact Lincolnshire LNP and provide feedback at the next meeting.**

MA referred to the protocol for the Derwent Valley World Heritage Site (WHS) mentioned in paragraph 1. It was noted this should read Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site.

#### *Evaluation – draft case study profile*

Action for HS to contact Tavistock Institute re final evaluation report is to be carried forward.

**Action: HS to contact Tavistock Institute/Defra re final evaluation report.**

#### *Sherwood Landscape Partnership Scheme*

The Stage One application for the Sherwood Landscape Partnership Scheme was submitted in May and will be presented to the Heritage Lottery Fund's national Board in October.

MA advised the Board that DerwentWISE, a Landscape Partnership Project for the Lower Derwent Valley, had been successful in its application for £1.7m of Heritage Lottery funding.

**Action: TH to circulate a précis of the DerwentWISE programme**

JE confirmed that Landscape Partnership Schemes are being considered or developed across the area. There is a strong link to the proposals for Nature Improvement Areas as the selection of NIAs could support future LPS development.

#### *Board Membership*

TW reported that he had contacted Alan Gorrington regarding ongoing membership of the Board. AG has confirmed that he is keen to remain on the Board but, as his role requires him to travel regularly, there may be occasions when he is unable to attend.

TW expressed concern that some sectors are under-represented on the Board. TW is willing to approach any recommended organisations, with

consent from Board members. It was suggested that the Board should seek representation from the minerals industry, for example Lafarge Tarmac.

**Action: TW to approach Lafarge Tarmac and invite to join the Board**

AW reported that she would shortly be meeting with NFU and would be happy to approach Andrew Critchlow with a view to inviting him to join the Board.

**Action: AW to approach Andrew Critchlow and invite to join the Board**

HS has recently been contacted by the CLA (Country Landowners & Business Association), East Midlands Region and would be happy to follow this up.

**Action: HS to contact CLA inviting them to join the Board**

#### **4. Update on co-ordinator post**

JE confirmed Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce and the LEP are happy with the work programme for the Co-ordinator and working/ management arrangements have been agreed.

Only 4 applications for the Co-ordinator post had been received, despite national advertising and only 1 candidate had been shortlisted. JE queried whether the Board would prefer to re-advertise the post or interview the single candidate?

It was agreed that the interview would proceed on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2013 with an interview panel comprising JE, HS and David Ralph (D2N2 LEP). JE to advise the board asap after 3 October if the interview was successful or whether a temporary solution through secondment needed to be investigated.

AW confirmed DCC has approved £5000 contribution.

HS confirmed approval for NCC contribution will be sought at the Culture Committee meeting on 8 October 2013.

The Board was advised that both Anne Western (AW) and Rob Crowder (RC) are now members of the LEP Board.

#### **5. Work Programme**

HS introduced the paper.

##### *Working with the LEP*

It was agreed that input to the developing Investment Strategy was of the highest importance as BIS Local would be looking at the drafts at the end of October. MA confirmed that the Strategy development would be an iterative process and it was agreed that it would be useful to have sight of the latest

draft. There is a window of opportunity to influence the Strategy up to Christmas 2013 and this work element should be the highest priority for the Co-ordinator.

HS confirmed that initial conversations had been held regarding the potential for the LNP to contribute to the development of the Nottingham Enterprise Zone. MA referred to the Enterprise Zone in Markham Vale and suggested it might be useful to share knowledge with them.

**Action: AW/ MA to ask DR for copy of draft Strategy**

**Action: HS to follow up on Enterprise Zones**

### *Biodiversity Offsetting*

TH referred to Defra's Green Paper on biodiversity offsetting in England. A 6 week consultation period has just been launched in advance of the completion of the pilot programme, with responses required by 7 November 2013. TH offered to co-ordinate a response on behalf of the LNP.

HS suggested that it would be useful to have input from Nick Crouch at NCC, as he is leading work on one of the six pilot areas. MA/AL and FL also offered support.

HS agreed to ask NC to provide an information paper on the Nottinghamshire pilot and to present this at the next Board meeting.

The Board also considered the potential for Biodiversity Offsetting to be rolled out across the LNP area and for specific projects to be developed in conjunction with the Enterprise Zones. It was agreed that the Co-ordinator should be asked to investigate this.

**Action: NC to be asked to provide a presentation on the Nottinghamshire pilot project at the next Board meeting**

**Action: TH to co-ordinate a response to the consultation with NC, AL and FL and circulate to the Board**

### *Mental Health and the Natural Environment*

HR recommended that this should be expanded to *health* and the natural environment.

TW suggested that the paper should be re-worked in light of the above comments and circulated for agreement at the next meeting.

**Action: HS/ JE to re-work paper and circulate for comment**

## **6. Health & Well-being paper**

HR introduced the paper, which is still work in progress, and invited comments, additions and amendments.

HR suggested it might be beneficial to set up a Task & Finish Group to move things forward, giving colleagues the opportunity to discuss and develop thinking. Colleagues from the Health & Wellbeing Boards (HWBs) should be included in such a group. It was agreed that the Task and Finish Group should include HR, MS, JE and HS. AW agreed to find a Derbyshire representative from the Public Health Team.

MS identified that the LNP would need to make contact with the two Unitary HWBs as well as the two County HWBs. AW was in agreement with MS and emphasised the importance of the HWB Health & Wellbeing Boards to understanding the role of the LNP. MA suggested it may be helpful to provide a presentation on the role of the LNP to the Health & Wellbeing Boards. The Board agreed that this would be a priority, and that an opportunity to make a presentation to the Public Health Committees should also be sought.

HR & MS advised that the Nottinghamshire HWB was consulting on its draft Strategy, with responses required by the 26<sup>th</sup> September. It was agreed that there would be an opportunity immediately following the meeting for Board members to assist HR with the completion of this questionnaire.

**Action: AW to source volunteer for the Task and Finish Group from DCC Public Health Team**

## **7. Enterprise Zones**

This agenda item was covered under the discussion of the work programme (Item 5).

## **8. East Midlands Environment Link**

FL declared an interest in this item as he is Vice Chair of the East Midlands Environment Link. He explained that EMEL is a co-ordinating body, providing a single voice from the voluntary sector on environmental issues.

HS outlined the proposal contained in the correspondence from Geoff Nickold, sent on behalf of EMEL that it could act as a conduit for sharing information and best practice between LNPs across the Region.

It was agreed that there is value in sharing information between LNPs but that there might be other vehicles for this, such as the East Midlands Biodiversity Partnership. The Co-ordinator would need to take a view on communications, including with other LNPs, and the development of a Communications Strategy had already been included as part of the work programme.

## **9. Nature Improvement Areas.**

JE introduced the paper.

TM confirmed that other LNPs are considering the designation of Nature Improvement Areas. The Board confirmed support for the proposals and there was a discussion around potential NIAs in the LNP area and how they could be identified.

JE suggested that the Co-ordinator should be asked to form a Working Group to look at the results of the Biodiversity Opportunity Mapping alongside the Living Landscapes and Futurescapes. The Working Group would be tasked with producing a consultation paper. It was agreed that this item would be progressed once the Co-ordinator was in post.

## **10. Items for future Board meetings**

- Biodiversity Partnerships and E. Midlands Woodland Biodiversity Project.
- Health workshop.
- Water management and resources – to be linked to offer from Environment Agency to host and LNP meeting.
- HS2.

## **11. Any Other Business**

None.

## **12. Dates of future meetings**

As the August meeting had been moved to September, it was agreed that the October meeting would be too close and would therefore be cancelled. A meeting date in late November would be sought to maintain the current cycle of meeting every two months.

**Action: HS to circulate doodle poll of potential dates in late November.**

TW confirmed he is happy to host the next meeting at Toyota offices. It was suggested we could approach Environment Agency with a view to hosting a meeting next year.