



TVNP Steering Group Meeting Minutes

Time: 10am Date: 18th September 2019

Teesdale House - Environment Agency, Darlington DL1 4GQ

In attendance	Michelle Mancini, Public Health England; Robert Woods, INCA; Jeremy Garside, Tees Valley Wildlife Trust; David Hand, Darlington Borough Council; Rebecca Wren, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council; Clare Deasy, Northumbrian Water; Paul Clarke, Middlesbrough Borough Council; Catherine Saxon, Environment Agency; Andy Whitehead, Natural England and Catherine Saxon, Environment Agency
Apologies	Timothy Crawshaw, Chair TVNP; Graham Clingan, Stockton Borough Council; Eddie Halstead, Environment Agency; Michael Graham, North York Moors National Park Authority; Sarah Scarr, Hartlepool Borough Council; Linda Tuttiatt, Tees Valley Combined Authority.
Chair	Graeme Hull, Environment Agency
Secretariat	Rachel Murtagh, Tees Valley Nature Partnership

Agenda Item	Notes	Action
SG/01.03.19 Minutes and Matters arising	<p>TVNP 13-03-19 Minutes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> EH & RM to meet Tees Valley Combined Authority 27-09-19 regarding commissioning TV Natural Capital Account. An introduction to Social Learning event with steering group (framework to underpin NLCF programme) 29-08-19 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Forward invite to RW at INCA Engagement Working Group to convene 25-10-19. RM Update at December meeting with proposed engagement plan.
SG/02.03.19 Update on National Lottery Community Fund project	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> New Nature Partnership Officer Louise Richards appointed. Funding 'launch' at The Festival of Thrift 14&15 09-19 Memorandum of Agreement with the 5 TV Local Authorities and Tees Valley Wildlife Trust signed. Query on progress of Business Plan sub-groups 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Start date 14-10-19 will map and plan engagement work with Social Learning framework for starters. Feedback: good start would have been better following on from speakers. Tailored large scale World Café event for TVNP proposed. Request nominations for local speakers. ALL . ALL confirm membership and/or nominate colleagues to RM by 11-10-19.
SG/03.03.19 Welcome to	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> We thank her for her contributions and support for the Partnership. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> GH confirm Cath Saxon involvement

Catherine Saxon		
SG/04.03.19 Update from the Natural Assets Working Group (NAWG)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lack of LA Ecologist expertise/provision: <i>Darlington</i>; failed to recruit in first round. Have budget keen to appoint. <i>Middlesbrough</i> due to nature of the borough intend to commission on case-by-case basis and/or share with neighbouring authority. <i>Stockton</i> currently 'share' resource with Hartlepool who had dedicated Ecologist. <i>Redcar & Cleveland</i>, currently no budget or plan to appoint. 2. Damage to SSSI's 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agreed. Letter from TVNP Chair to TV Local Authorities Heads of Planning to officially raise this issue. RM & Chair of NAWG to draft for approval by Chair 2. A National issue. RM Raise issue with national LNP network. Propose network could discuss at November conference and write to the Secretary of State.
SG/05.03.19 Local Nature Recovery Strategies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LNP Webinar: Local Nature Recovery Strategies Estimated 3-4-year timescale before rolling out. 2. TVNP have a commitment in our Business Plan to undertake much of this work in the next 3 years. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of data we have, would like and what could be. Map TVNP groups/activity/process etc in relation to Net Gain & Nature Recovery Networks GH & RM for 18-12-19 2. PHE Local Knowledge & Intelligence Service for health & social data. Northumbrian Water Innovation mapping (STANTEC) CD to pull together 'mapping meeting'
SG/06.03.19 Tees Nature Conference	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2019 Feedback from this year 2. 2020 initial ideas and scope. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RM to summarise and circulate 2. ALL to submit to RM to feed into conference group.
SG/07.03.19 AOB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call for TVNP Chair for 2019/20. TC will be taking the Regional Chair of RTPI (Royal Town Planning Institute) in 2020. 2. VONNE Climate Project 3. RW of INCA is stepping down due to increased work commitments. Group thanked RW for his support and involvement. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No nominations were received to date. Suggest Vice Chair to share the role with TC. Nominations please to RM by 25-10-19. 2. Ambitious NE Regional project on Climate Change to link to UN Summit in Glasgow November 2020. NEENP and Youth Focus North East are keen to partner. Bid to National Lottery Community Fund 'Climate Action Fund' (circulated 23-09-19) ALL Comments to RM by 25-09-19 noon. PLEASE SEE NOTE FROM Prof Peter Stark below* 3. Phil Roxby was nominated as INCA rep on the steering group.
Date, time & location of next meeting	<p>All meetings start at 10 am unless otherwise stated. 18th December, ALL Please suggest a suitable FREE venue 2020 dates: 18th March; 17th June; 16th September; 16th December 19th June HOLD THE DATE FOR THE 2020 TEES NATURE CONFERENCE</p>	

* 1] Sir Paul's meeting with the Tees Valley 5 CEOs + Julie from the CA/LEP had gone well in relation to co-operation with the 7 LAs to the North and interest in 'Becoming England's Greenest Region'. (Better connection is needed with the CA/LEP but we are onto that)

2] Carol Botten's meeting with the NELEP Chair and CEO had gone even better with warm endorsement of the concept and the programme and an offer of help in connecting to their Tees Valley counterparts.

3] Approval of the collective approach to the NLCF (National Lottery Community Fund Climate Action Fund) with both the NE Nature partnership and Youth Focus NE having decided to join with the VONNE bid rather than flying solo. Their decisions informed by the sketch of our intended structure in the introduction to the paper on the NLCF.

A draft of the NLCF Climate Action submission will be circulated to NEENP & TVNP w/c 23/09 (it needs to go in no later than 27th)