



Steering Group Meeting Minutes 10.00 am 22/04/19

TVNP SG members	Phil Roxby, INCA; Jeremy Garside, Tees Valley Wildlife Trust; Margaret Enstone, Darlington Borough Council; Rebecca Wren, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council; Claire Deasy, Northumbrian Water; Andy Whitehead, Natural England; Graeme Hull, Environment Agency; Graham Clingan, Stockton Borough Council; Eddie Halstead, Environment Agency; Rachel Murtagh, TVNP
Apologies	Ben Lamb, Tees Rivers Trust; Michelle Mancini, Public Health England; David Hand, Darlington Borough Council; Paul Clarke, Middlesbrough Borough Council; Lucy Chapman, Groundwork Trust; Michael Graham, North York Moors National Park Authority; Sarah Scarr, Hartlepool Council
Chair	Timothy Crawshaw, Chair TVNP
Secretariat	Louise Richards, TVNP

Agenda Item	Notes	Action
SG/01.04.19	Welcome to Margaret Enstone the new Sustainability and Climate Change Lead Officer at Darlington Council Minutes of the last meeting	
SG/02.4.19	<p>Update from TVNP Working Groups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Natural Assets (Jeremy Garside)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The group are looking at a list of grasslands, they identified 20 as a priority but not necessarily designated. – Also looking at potential LWS's, the most recently proposed one is St Joseph's cemetery just North of Pallister Park and owned by Middlesbrough Council. 2. <i>Engagement (Louise Richards)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The main news from the engagement group is the appointing of R\\evolution marketing and communications to handle the future marketing and communications of TVNP. – R\\evolution have changed their plan due to the ongoing crisis, they are currently reviewing our online engagement and will let us know what our priorities should be. 3. <i>Natural Capital Account (Eddie Halstead)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – This is coming from national policy and based on the work of other LWS's e.g. Manchester – We received funding from Natural England with TVCA commissioning the account. The work began last year, and it is almost ready for publication. – The next stage is a case study on how the natural capital account can affect decision making, it will inform the decision making of planners and councils. 4. <i>Planning Managers (Rachel Murtagh)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – There will be a lot of change due to the Environment Bill and we knew we needed to adapt to that. – The group wrote an issue paper for planning managers – There was a consensus that they want to look at a Tees Valley-wide approach related to Net Gain and Opportunity Mapping. Nothing resolved on at the meeting, but we are going to hold a workshop to look at potential options. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Natural Assets (Jeremy Garside)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Steering group agreed on St Joseph's site being proposed as a new LWS 2. <i>Engagement (Louise Richards)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – People are coming to appreciate more what is on their doorstep, LR to work with R\\evolution to reflect this – LR to work with R\\evolution to stress the importance of quality of greenspace being better for health and wellbeing 3. <i>Natural Capital Account (Eddie Halstead)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – We need to be able to describe and quantify what the positive effects of this will be? – RM and LR to work on online engagement to stress the importance of quality of greenspace being better for health and wellbeing 4. <i>Planning Managers (Rachel Murtagh)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – RM to establish if Tees Valley-wide BOA mapping is agreed to or just signed up in principle

	<p>5. <i>Strategic Projects (Graeme Hull)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The group has been writing a scoping document, the draft was finished December. It is possible that this may be too detailed so will stay at this level and not dive in further. – This group has used the three themes from the business plan to structure this scoping document. – Has come up with broad areas to focus on which have been passed over to the Natural Assets group for their approval. – This also fits in with the Environment Agency's Tees Estuary 2100 habitat vision and their habitat priorities. <p>6. <i>Conference (Louise & Rachel)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – We are looking at having a virtual conference, the group agreed that it would be beneficial to keep the 19th June date if possible so that we can keep up the momentum. – We should post a video of the conference after the event so that those who couldn't attend can watch it later. – We could have a mixture of live videos, pre-recorded segments and site visit videos. – People's minds are not in the same place now, so we need a more low-key event more rooted in what is around us particularly with the increased interest in the local area and local green space at the moment. – This could help people get involved with their local group when things have opened up again. 	<p>5. <i>Strategic Projects (Graeme Hull)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The Steering Group support aiding the EA's 2100 habitat vision. <p>6. <i>Conference (Louise & Rachel)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – LR, RM and BL to investigate options over the virtual conference with R\\evolution and get back to the group – Conference group to look at the possible speakers and structure of the new virtual conference
SG/03.04.19	<p>Feedback from Partners</p> <p>The group gave an update on how their groups and companies are coping with the current crisis and how they are holding up with what is going on.</p>	
SG/04.04.19	<p>Other updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TVNP NLCF progress – paper circulated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Rachel has circulated the 6-monthly paper on the TVNP 2. Climate Action Bids – VONNE, MEC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – VONNE bid more general strategic work, MEC bid more project driven. 3. North East Climate Coalition – summary circulated & update 4. NENELN (North-East Natural Environmental Leaders Network) Vision statement (circulated) 	
SG/05.04.19	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – We need a representative from TVCA for steering group and possibly some of the working groups – Redcar and Cleveland and Darlington had declared climate emergency before the lockdown. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – RM to keep tabs on R&C and Darlington's climate emergency plans whilst lockdown continues
<p>Date, time & location of next meeting: 17th June 2020 10 am, TBC</p>		