



NAWG Minutes
09/09/2020
Zoom

Attending	Fiona Hurworth Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council; Dave Askey Stockton Borough Council; Martin Allen independent ecologist; Simon Blenkinsop Middlesbrough Borough Council; Rachel Murtagh TVNP; Tom Stephenson Hartlepool Council
Apologies	Phil Roxby INCA
Chair	Jeremy Garside Tees Valley Wildlife Trust
Secretariat	Louise Richards , Tees Valley Nature Partnership

Agenda Item	Notes	Action
NA/01.04.20	Jeremy Garside Introduced Sharon Lashley, Ed Rollason and Paul Stevens to the group.	
NA/02. 04.20 Minutes and Matters arising	The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and accepted: TVNP NAWG Minutes 09/09/20 address outstanding items.	
NA/03.04.20 Sharon Lashley Climate Action North	<p><i>Sharon Lashley gave an update on the North East Rewilding Network</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Climate Action North is a CIC run by three directors including Sharon. – Originally Climate Action North East, they have expanded to cover the north. – Their projects include rewilding and pollinator parks. – They will start the WATAR project which is a closed loop recycling project. – They collaborate with many other projects and are part of the rewilding north – they want to be the go-to place for rewilding advice. – Also working with a school to have solar powered train carriage libraries. – They recognise that natural solutions aren't the whole answer and that reductions in emissions are also needed. – A lot of data has been collected as part of this which needs looking at – may need help with this. 	– Members to get in touch with Sharon about data and connecting with Climate Action North

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<p>NA/04.04.20 Paul Stevens ERIC</p>	<p><i>Paul gave an update on the Tees Valley mapping progress</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Paul presented the phase 1 maps in the last session and would appreciate feedback on this. – ERIC are currently working through some issues with the maps – Data was scanned from the TVWT archives, but this work is still ongoing (part of the phase 2 work) – The maps were digitised on behalf of TVNP but it makes sense to share them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Group will give feedback on phase 1 maps
<p>NA/05.04.20 Ed Rollason Teesside University</p>	<p><i>Ed discussed next years' student placement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Specifically talking about the advanced programme MSC – Students spent 12 weeks on a project (either internal or external) – The placement is assessed externally, not on the work they do as part of their placement – 1 student is looking to do a GIS project so it would be good to pair them up with the phase 1 maps – There is no strict schedule for these so if the group have any suggestions, they should send them to Ed, however it may be some time until there is another student placement who is suitable – In addition knowing what data sets there are nationally it could be interesting to make use of these. 	
<p>NA/06.04.20 Update on local sites</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. St Josephs – RM has sent this to M'Borough Council 2. South Bank Station MA has sent proposed areas to FH, MA & FH to work on this. 3. Billingham Beck is on hold until we hear from ML/PR 4. Aislaby Grange DA and MA to discuss this further. 5. Hardwick Dene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – DA is putting forward a proposal to continue maintenance of site and to expand this to other sites. Will work on this with MA. 6. Greystones on hold for now 7. On hold until update from PR/ML 8. Stainton Way RM put to steering group on the 16th will double check with council. 9. Brass Castle Lane – On hold pending further visits from MA and SB <p>Other Sites</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rachel to chase up progress on St Joseph's and Stainton way proposals 2. Group to work out a process for what happens if no landowner can be found and land is public access.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MA and DA to investigate further ownership of site and MA to look at a site close by that DA has suggested 2. JG to investigate funding opportunities for Bishopton road verges 3. SB Lower Ormsby Beck NR is going to exec on Monday for a decision. It is possible that they may only preserve one of the sites, it would be preferable in this case if it was the site including the reedbed in this case. 4. FH Coatham Marsh now covered by SSSI does it still need to be a LWS? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. As they cover similar things this should be ok 	
NA/07.04.20 Great Crested Newt Licencing	<p><i>Update from Jeremy Garside</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Currently every time a development comes up they locate GCN ponds, build compensation ponds to move them into. These ponds aren't managed and you end up with no newts. – The new method is that work is done beforehand – all likely sites are assessed and mapped. If any developments want to build there they pay towards compensation ponds on other sites. This must be on a 2:1 basis (2 ponds for every 1 destroyed). Newts aren't relocated instead ponds are colonised naturally – This method has worked well on trial sites 	
NA/08.04.20 Next year's plan	<p><i>How to prioritise managing sites alongside creating new ones</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Work has been done on this previously – <p>Consider how this might be resourced</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Each member will send a list to JG by the end of the year of what we want this group to be doing in 2021
NA/09.04.20 AOB	<p>RM gave an update on Festival UK* 2022</p> <p>RM proposed Paul Stevens as a permanent member of the group – this was approved</p> <p>PS mentioned ERIC's small grants scheme to be shared by those in the group</p> <p>DA looking at putting a bridge into ... site for proper access and management</p> <p>Habitat Networks Data</p>	
Next meeting	9 th December 2.00 pm TBC	