

Conference Group Minutes 18/11/2020

Invited	Graeme Hull Environment Agency; Graham Clingan Stockton Borough; Jennifer Hagan Teesside University Council; Timothy Crawshaw TVNP Chair; Margaret Enstone Darlington Borough Council; Chris Hood Environment Agency
Apologies	Mark Fishpool Middlesbrough Environment City; Ben Lamb Tees Rivers Trust
Chair	Rachel Murtagh Tees Valley Nature Partnership
Secretariat	Louise Richards, Tees Valley Nature Partnership

Agenda Item	Notes	Action
CG/01.01.21	Reviewing what went well and what didn't from the last conference	LR to put a save the date in newsletter
	It really helps having someone like Tim to stitch together the continuity	
	All of this is going into the engagement plan	
	Would be good to get more interaction and more of a sense of the people in the conference.	
CG/02.01.21	Organising and hosting the conference LR talked through the Fresh Start Events information, how it worked for the MPI event.	LR to check with fresh start How far can we tailor this - Find out what the capabilities - how far can we push this?
	 Could have the core team in one room which would help from the continuity aspect People are being more accepting of the need for things to be less formal, use this as best we can. Inclusion and involvement for everyone When people can get out and about it would be good to capture this, even if we were to get a montage of people doing walks We need to use the online bit to our advantage get people mixing across tables Want to give a sense of all the people there, would be good to give a sense of who is coming and where they've come from Casual facilitators - People might be more willing to put up an image beforehand - when people sign 	With breakout rooms some groups are happy being launched into a room while others aren't. We need to find a way of introducing the group Group to look at the gradation of involvement and the different aspects people want LR to check how delegates know that the table is full, or who is on the table Need to capture people and their local nature



CG/03.01.21

What is the theme?

RM LNRS's, COP26, Green Recovery, arts and culture

- 54% of the Tees Valley is agricultural
- Could we have groups doing council of all beings with groups focusing on what their target animal or habitat needs?

TC Something about nature appreciation, what do we do to tackle inequalities, how do we adapt to this, what are the benefits

GH Aims and objectives of the conference - informs what we talk about.

- Conference is mostly about people.
- Environmental land management changing which will change rural landscape, is due 2024 so is it close enough?
- Other side is towns and development as greenspace keeps getting developed environmental net gain.
- Could we gather questions that people always want to ask but never get an opportunity, and then filter these up to planners and continue filtering up until it reaches the mayor.
- Tees Nature do we want to involve industry as they are a big part of tees valley. How they're involved in this - Redcar turbines, peregrine nests in seal sands etc.
- What are your animal instincts for nature recovery?

GC There is a lot on the horizon, however we're not going to have all the detail, how much do we want to speculate on this.

- Local greenspaces are being heavily used but management hasn't improved.
- How can we build on this current connection to greenspace?
- How do we take the opportunity to highlight the value of natural assets to get the message across?
- Want to give a platform to grassroots partners to present opportunities and concerns and have a dialogue between them and decision makers.

ME Ecosystem services "What does nature do for us"

- The idea of the circular economy to preserve nature
- Like the idea to gather thoughts to send back up to leaders
- Can't ignore that this is the point we'll be coming to the end of lockdowns

As we have all these policies coming up we need to get a sense of the vision - 'What do we want?', 'what will it look like?'

Look into launching something at the conference or highlight what's going on

Look into a virtual walk/relay

RM to distil this into a one theme to be discussed at next meeting



CG/04.01.21	What do we want in this conference?							
	To be discussed in more detail at the next meeting							
CG/05.01.21	Speakers	RM	to	get	in	contact	with	Paul
		Boo	th					
	Once we have a clear theme, we will know more							
	speakers that we want							
	Invite organisations early including members and							
	partners and local councillors etc							
CG/06.01.21	AOB							
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	Need to think how we're gathering people's photos							
	and how do we contact them on this.							
	Next meeting Monday 8th 2.00pm							

