



Steering Group Meeting Minutes 10.00 am 16/06/20

Attended	Paul Clarke Middlesbrough Borough Council; Graham Clingan Stockton Borough Council; Chris Francis RSPB; Jeremy Garside Tees Valley Wildlife Trust; Eddie Halstead Environment Agency; Ben Lamb Tees Rivers Trust; Rachel Murtagh TVNP; Andy Whitehead Natural England; Rebecca Wren Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council; Graeme Hull Environment Agency Sarah Scarr Hartlepool Borough Council; Judy Power Tees Rivers Trust; Clare Deasy Northumbrian Water
Apologies	David Hand Darlington Borough Council; Geraldine Brown TVCA
Chair	Timothy Crawshaw Chair TVNP
Secretariat	Louise Richards TVNP

Agenda Item	Notes	Action
SG/01.02.20	Minutes of the last meeting 16-03-21 accepted	
SG/02.02.20	<p>Managers' Report</p> <p>RM went through the Manager's Report highlighting the changes and updates that have occurred since the last steering group.</p> <p>EDI - delayed to September Steering Group meeting to give more time as the conference is taking place this week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This could be an add on session after steering group meeting. It's possible that this could also be in person. <p>Teesside University MOU - developing a memorandum of understanding with the university which will be passed through the Governance Group before signing</p> <p>Is there any hint of extending the project? Not yet had a hint either way. Have been working the whole way through lockdown so will have spent the allocation for staff time.</p>	<p>RM to update group on Teesside University MOU in next meeting.</p> <p>RM & LR to set up an EDI session for after next steering group.</p>
SG/03.02.20	<p>LR shared presentation showing where we are at with developing our reach. RM shared the progress on our 3 Priorities.</p> <p>Breakout session to discuss these three priorities and how the group thinks these could be developed.</p> <p>A change in thinking to have a default nature first in.... we would be in a much better position if this was the default.</p> <p>Tees Valley currently has ~ 11% green space in good condition for nature, if we're moving towards 30% this may be doable but needs to be more evenly spread over Tees Valley.</p>	<p>RM & LR to set up a workshop to discuss in more detail.</p> <p>RM, TC & LR to put this as part of the conference poll discussion so it can become one of the conference outcomes</p>
SG/04.02.20	Deferred to next meeting	
SG/05.02.20	<p>Governance (Rachel Murtagh)</p> <p>New group to ensure we keep on top of the management of the partnership looking at the budget and sustainability of the partnership. Original plan was to commission someone to assess how we sustain ourselves past 2022, however keeping this on hold until after hearing from Natural Innovation Hub funding bids.</p>	LR to discuss with EH about adding EA flood engagement officers to the engagement plan

	<p>Natural Assets (Jeremy Garside) Had a good meeting previously focused on designating LWS's but now looking at other items e.g., need to get data together and in a good format to be usable for multiple partners.</p> <p>A good forum to discuss items such as district level licencing and reviewing ancient woodland record. Looking at Billingham Beck Valley project.</p> <p>Engagement (Paul Clarke) Started with an update on social media and how this is progressing, Facebook seems to be dropping off in terms of connection, looking at possible kick start placement to explore social media and how we connect with people through this. Could be difficult to supervise.</p> <p>The draft engagement plan reviewed and will get comments back to Louise on the 25th of June and then hopefully the plan can be finalised.</p> <p>Ambassadors, launched formally at the conference. Getting together a register of people with certain skills who can be brought out to help. Next grant round on the 9th of September, due to be promoted starting in August.</p> <p>Strategic Projects (Graeme Hull) Expecting decisions towards end June on Natural Environment Investment Readiness Fund (NEIRF) and Green Recovery Challenge Fund (GRCF2) bids.</p> <p>Desire for some sub catchment groups to integrate projects e.g., Billingham Beck, Lustrum Beck, Leven. Matches Catchment Partnership views. Northumbrian Water keen and would like a partnership meeting specifically to discuss 2025-30 proposals. Potential Natural England bid to develop a Tees Estuary Nature Recovery Area on back of Tees Tidelands concept.</p> <p>Discussion on how the TVNP should influence persuade support exemplar Farming for Nature in Tees Valley. Request for one page summary of key Projects on template circulated by Louise.</p> <p>Conference (Louise Richards) This is virtual again this year. Request partners sit at different lounge tables to interact with delegates about the partnerships.</p>	
<p>SG/06.02.20</p>	<p>AOB Biodiversity net gain - prompted by the local government planning authority briefing. LGA have launched work to see where local planning authorities are up to nationally. More aware that councils don't have the expertise to calculate biodiversity net gain on new developments and need to have support. Trying to provide the offset particularly in Middlesbrough will be a challenge in finding greenspace. Read more here</p> <p>TC through RTPI working with NHS Healthy Happy Places to bring together planning and health. The thrust of the project is trying to get the confluence between existing communities and health and wellbeing outcomes. How do we pilot interventions to make sure our environment is keeping us happy and well? Need to find significant regeneration next to areas of deprivation.</p>	<p>AW If anyone has any questions about biodiversity net gain, please get in touch he will give more information on this.</p> <p>AW Nat England have recently appointed Joanne Newton as Regional Health Lead – Yorkshire & North East TC & RM to meet</p>
<p>Date of next meeting: 10am Wednesday the 15th of September via Zoom unless stated otherwise.</p>		