



Engagement Group Minutes
09/03/2021
Zoom

Attended	Rachel Murtagh Tees Valley Nature Partnership; Judy Power Tees Rivers Trust
Apologies	Jennifer Hagan Teesside University; Graham Clingan Stockton Borough Council
Chair	Paul Clarke Middlesbrough Borough Council
Secretariat	Louise Richards Tees Valley Nature Partnership

Agenda Item	Notes	Action
EG/01.03.21	<p><i>Reviewing action points from previous meeting minutes from 08.06.20 and Meeting summary document</i></p> <p>Aim to extend membership including young people and local groups</p> <p>LR looking into social media placement to boost social media</p> <p>RM updated about evaluation; this isn't something that the University has capacity for so Rachel still investigating</p> <p>In annual appraisals it was brought up that we've done as well as we can on engagement but it's something we want to address this moving forward. Something many organisations have noticed is that workloads were expected to go down, but they actually seem to be going up.</p> <p>RM gave a run down of the Community Renewal Fund as the decision has been delayed indefinitely.</p> <p>RM on the MOU with FOT see how the festival goes and then build an MOU on this and using the one from Teesside University as the modal going forward.</p>	LR to send out members' plan with the minutes
EG/02.03.21 TVNP Ambassadors	LR TVNP ambassadors recruiting is going a bit slower than we would like and part of this seems to be the name ambassador, we need something a bit friendlier, couldn't think of anything in the group but will think on it.	RM/JP to bring this up to the steering group for suggestions.
EG/03.03.21 TVNP Members Plan	LR showed the updated TVNP members plan - group happy for this to go to the steering group.	RM/JP to present this to the steering group for comments. LR to send this out to steering group for circulation with the minutes of the steering group meeting with a timeframe for comments.

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<p>EG/04.03.21 Upcoming Events</p>	<p><i>Festival of Thrift</i> Have upped our contribution to the FOT this year so we are sponsoring the “enlightenment” which is a tent for talks and stalls, with 4 panels each day and mini talks in between. Also have a team of eco ambassadors talking to people and getting feedback for us and encouraging people to come and meet us and actors encouraging people to come to the tent.</p> <p><i>SOTGBGW</i> LR gave an update on the SOTGBGW and TVNP’s involvement with the videos we’re helping to record between local ‘leaders’ and interviews by local young people.</p> <p><i>Planning managers workshop</i> RM gave an update on the planning managers workshop which we had been putting off waiting for the environment bill but decided to organise with the Planning Advisory Service planning workshops. Have invited planning advisors, planning managers, steering group and a few others. We have a really great programme and it’s looking like a great event. We need a Tees Valley wide approach as nature isn’t just borough wide.</p> <p><i>Grant</i> LR gave an update on the grant, there has been an uptake in grant applications as groups get more secure after difficulties of lockdown and reshuffles in their management and in members so we’re really glad we’re here to hopefully be able to support groups with the grant.</p> <p><i>Teesside University Mini-COP26 20th October</i> RM giving the keynote speech</p> <p><i>Borderlands</i> Have appointed their team which will pick up next year</p> <p><i>National nature Recovery Network</i> Network convened by Natural England on nature recovery, they want to run a conference and we’re now looking at hosting this at National Trust Ormesby Hall.</p> <p><i>Friends of the Earth</i> Hosting an online event on green jobs in Tees valley in October, Tim will be talking about it and Rachel and Louise will be attending.</p> <p><i>Green Social Prescribing Partnership</i> Emma Howitt has put together a green social prescribing partnership which we will be a part of</p>	
<p>EG/05.03.21 AOB</p>	<p>Look at an in person meeting for the next engagement group meeting.</p>	
<p>Next meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday the 7th of December 10.00am</p>	