



TVNP Strategic Projects Group Meeting Minutes 1.00pm, 3rd of September 2021 via videocall

In attendance	Graham Clingan Stockton Borough Council; Jeremy Garside Tees Valley Wildlife Trust; Chris Hood Environment Agency; Chris Hood Environment Agency; Rachel Murtagh Tees Valley Nature Partnership; Rachel Murtagh Tees Valley Nature Partnership; Dave Askey Stockton-On-Tees Borough Council; Helen Hornby Groundwork North east & Cumbria
Apologies	Kate Lowes Environment Agency; Clare Deasy Northumbria Water; Jim Cokill Durham Wildlife Trust; Lucy Chapman Groundwork North East;
Chair	Graeme Hull Environment Agency
Secretariat	Louise Richards Tees Valley Nature Partnership

Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Background	TVNP Business Plan 2019-2022 . Activity 1.3: Establish a 'Large projects subgroup' to enable cross sector support on identifying and promoting/supporting the development of key strategic projects. Activity 4.1: Work with TVCA and the Mayor on large strategic projects including the Mayors 'River Tees Initiative' to develop local exemplars of sustainable development.	N/A
SP/01.02.20	<i>Action points from minutes from last meeting</i> Project template from last meeting	LR to send form out. ALL to enter their projects into this and send them back so we have a record of ongoing strategic projects.
SP/02.02.20	Ongoing Tees Tidelands - about increasing community resilience to flooding. Making sure in practical terms they make a return on investment at least through biodiversity net gain. Flood risk engineer has taken a lead - when biodiversity net gain comes in GC and DA will take a lead working with Environment agency. Could tie in with Groundworks Green recovery Challenge Fund project. This has been putting enhancements in to the black path and erosion in this area particularly around the little tern colony and there is a possibility to extend this out.	

	<p>Natural Neighbourhoods and Norton pockets of nature are continuing in the same vein. Three political wards in Norton</p> <p>DA Billingham Beck Country Park.</p> <p>RM Borderlands - appointed staff, big arts project focused on the environment.</p> <p>Climate Action Middlesbrough - NLCF</p> <p>You've got This - Mark Fishpool is the new director, working in South Tees</p> <p>FOT - last weekend in September, going back to the site in Kirkleatham. This year TVNP are sponsoring the 'EnlightenTent'</p> <p>VCAA - third sector organisations</p> <p>Still waiting on hearing back from the Community Renewal Fund bid.</p> <p>LNRS' have meeting on the 21st of September to pool feedback and then will combine and send feedback into the national consultation</p> <p>JP Living Leven - in the development stage and looking to deliver in Marsh-April 2023. Currently looking at fish passes, sediment loading and looking at the Tame tributary. Engagement with fishermen and farmers is going well.</p> <p>Fish for Tees - a source to see project with habitat restoration and farmland management and adding 6 fish passes to the tees estuary and are looking at adding oysters to the port. Are also creating an angling passport and this will hopefully be turned into a self-sustaining exercise.</p> <p>GH Greatham Creek works near the Hospital of God land, looking at having a new footpath crossing the railway line and linking in existing footpaths.</p> <p>EA looking at holmefleet in association with Saltholme and looking at an engineered estuary edge, looking at taking the slag deposits and lowering them to create a terrace, could give an example of what can be done.</p>	
<p>SP/03.02.21</p>	<p><i>Projects around nature in urban areas/ green space in urban areas</i></p> <p>Park this to pick up next time</p>	

<p>SP/04.02.20</p>	<p>SOTGBGW</p> <p>WHAT IS THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK? The Great Big Green Week will take place 18 – 26 September 2021, and will be the largest event for climate and nature ever seen in the UK. Thousands of events will celebrate how communities are taking action to tackle climate change and protect green spaces, and encourage others to get involved too.</p> <p>WHAT EVENTS WILL THERE BE? These will range from art installations, to concerts to community stalls, to climate cafes, and everything in between; hosted by teachers, bus drivers, sport clubs, artists, community groups, places of worship, builders and anyone who cares about climate change.</p> <p>Great Big Green Week community hubs will celebrate local activity, raise the profile of climate change and show why it is relevant to your community and local decision makers.</p> <p>National organisations, institutions, businesses and media outlets will join in, getting more people involved up and down the country, and putting pressure on the UK Government to up its game on climate change.</p>	
<p>SP/05.02.20 AOB</p>	<p>COVER - new funding pot opened up, focused on coastal projects Pot of money open to any risk management authority - the environment report scheme to help with mitigations for flood risk assets - rolling scheme.</p> <p>DA have secured funding for tree planting officer.</p>	
<p>SP/06.02.20 Date of next meeting</p>	<p>1pm Thursday the 2nd of September</p>	