

NAWG Minutes

08/06/2022

Zoom

Attending	Dave Askey Stockton Borough Council; Paul Stevens ERIC; Annemarie Mehl Tees Valley Wildlife Trust; Simon Blenkinsop Middlesbrough Council; Martin Allen independent ecologist; Mark Harrison Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council; Ambroise Baker Teesside University
Apologies	Rachel Murtagh TVNP; Mark Dinning Durham Wildlife Trust; Fiona Hurworth Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council,
Chair	Jeremy Garside Tees Valley Wildlife Trust
Secretariat	Louise Richards , Tees Valley Nature Partnership

Agenda Item	Notes	Action
NA/01.02.22	<p><i>Minutes from the last meeting</i></p> <p>Introduced new member Mark Harrison covering for Fiona while she's on maternity leave</p> <p>PS ERIC has recruited people for the woodland officer roles who should be in place by July.</p> <p>Whitton bridge - Stockton Council have assessed the site but can't process this further. The next step for MA would be to go to the environment agency or the police.</p>	
NA/02. 02.22	<p><i>Update on Nature Recovery Strategies</i></p> <p>Trying to convince the TVCA to be the accountable body for the Local Nature Recovery Strategy, although they have yet to accept the role. If a Responsible Body does not step forward it will be up to Defra to appoint one, which might be Natural England, a neighbouring local authority (Durham and/or North Yorkshire) or any alternative that they might select.</p>	JG to bring this up in the summary at the steering group to possibly action.
NA/03.02.22	<p><i>Phase 1 & beyond digitised maps</i></p> <p>The TVNP / NAWG had previously commissioned ERIC to digitise the historic Phase 1 maps and it was discussed how these could be accessed in order to make use of the information to formulate a Nature Recovery Strategy.</p> <p>PS reported that there might be licencing issues in connection with the Darlington data, which had been provided from a different source. In comparison, the Cleveland data could be supplied either through ERIC's website or by transferring files to the body which is</p>	

	<p>appointed to lead on the LNRS.</p> <p>Other preparatory work discussed at the last meeting has still to be progressed. This might be a student project if funding is still available.</p>	
NA/04.02.22	<p><i>NRN conference 12th & 13th of July</i></p> <p>LR updated the group on the NRN conference and the progress so far</p>	
NA/05.02.22	<p><i>Update on proposed LWS sites: Update on proposed LWS sites:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hartburn Beck <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Update from JG & DA 2. Stillington Forest Park <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Update from JG & DA 3. Bowsfield Nature Reserve Extension Proposal attached JG Part of the site was never designated as an LWS, so it was proposed to extend the LWS to include the entire site <p><i>Outstanding LWS recommendations:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Aislaby Grange A67 road verge Grassland <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Update from DA b. The road near the airport is likely to go through the site – MA waiting for an update from Stockton council on this. 5. Billingham Beck Saltmarsh North <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Update from DA & MA b. Still waiting on a visit from DA & MA 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved and designated 2. Approved and designated 3. Proposed as an extension to an existing LWS. Agreed. 4. Waiting for further information 5. DA and MA to visit site
NA/06.02.22	<p><i>AOB / Updates from members:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cut and remove/collect will be a problem for all councils and Middlesbrough has ordered a cut and remove machine. MA suggested Linthorpe cemetery as a test site for this. - Stockton will be the lead authority on Nutrient Neutrality. - Billingham Beck project – project is progressing with biodiversity gains calculated - AM working with Middlesbrough to improve green spaces including leaving some areas uncut around Middlesbrough. - ERIC working on an invasive species rapid response with the Rivers Trust – have been sending out surveys to local organisations about how they might manage this on sites they work on/own. Any red/blacklist species will be automatically flagged if they are recorded in iRecord/iNaturalist. 	
Next meeting	7 th September 2pm	