

**LIVERPOOL CITY REGION LOCAL NATURE PARTNERSHIP
BOARD MEETING
NOTES AND ACTIONS**

Date:	2 nd July 2020	
Present:	Gideon Ben-Tovim OBE (GBT)	Chair
	Stephen Ayliffe (SA)	Natural England
	Paul Nolan (PN)	Mersey Forest
	Michelle Whalley	Mersey Forest / Nature Connected
	Jo Holden (JH)	Peel Holdings
	Dr Alan Jemmett (AJ)	Merseyside Environmental Advisory
	Caroline Holmes (CH)	Knowsley Council
	Michelle Whalley (MWh)	The Mersey Forest
	Stephen Sykes (SS)	EMANSYS
	Carl Beer (CB)	MWRA
	Lesley Barnabas (LB)	Knowsley Council
	Rachel Hanmer-Dwight (RHD)	Liverpool University
	Ashley Bennington (AB)	Environment Agency
	Christine Derbyshire (CD)	Liverpool City Council
	Steven Wong,(SW)	United Utilities
	Karl Busdieker, (KB)	LJMU
	Andrew Darron (AD)	Ground Work
	Don Thompson (DT)	Merseyside Environmental Trust
	Colm Bowe (CB)	LJMU
	Fiona Whitfield (FW)	Lancashire Wildlife Trust
Apologises	Iain Taylor (IT)	Forestry and Woodland Advisory Committee (FWAC)
	Mark Shaw (MS)	Sefton Council

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	Michelle Cameron (MC)	Liverpool Chamber of Commerce
	Alasdair Forman (AF)	Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)
	Nick Thompson (NT)	Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)
	John Dempsey (JD)	Green Sefton
	Huw Jenkins (HJ)	Combined Authority
	Stephen Sayce (SS)	Environment Agency
	Natalie Naisbitt (NN)	Knowsley Council
Circulation:	As above and Board members.	
Item	Comments	Action
1.0	Introductions	
2.0	Apologies: As above.	
3.0	Minutes and actions from the last meeting: The Minutes were accepted as an accurate record.	
4.0	Natural Capital Baseline – (Dr Colm Bowe- LJMU) CB providing an interesting presentation on the work of the Natural Capital Working Group since the Summit in 2019, demonstrating its significant potential impacts for local, regional and national planning. The presentation (which will be circulated to members), included; how the work can help in the preparation for Biodiversity Net Gain, and update on the development of a LCR Natural Capital Investment Plan, and an update on the progress made in embedding Natural Capital In Policy. <i>GBT thanked Colm, on behalf of Nature Connected and the wider partnership, affirming that Nature Connected are really pleased they supported the work and are delighted with the outcome and progress made.</i>	CBwe to send presentation to MWh and also to keep Board updated on progress

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5.0	<p>Year of Environment Evaluation (Dr Alan Jemmett- MEAS)</p> <p>The Year of Environment Evaluation Report was circulated to members before the meeting. AJ explained that there had been a number of plans in place to provide an ordered, reflective and celebratory end to the YOE which had been someone shredded by the COVID19 Pandemic (including entry into the Echo Environment Awards, and the City Nature Challenge). Therefore an orderly succession didn't happen in the way that was anticipated. This report is intended to provide a useful record of the Year, including processes, events and outputs. It is intended to be inspiring and representative – it is recognised that it cannot be fully comprehensive due to the sheer amount of activity which took place but partners are invited if they feel their activity is underrepresented to send photos AJ – an email was sent to this effect during the meeting by Alan...</p> <p><i>“Just a little reminder that if you want some an additional photo or two in the Evaluation Report to help bring it further to life and to represent all themes / events / listening events. Please email to me Alan.Jemmett@eas.sefton.gov.uk copying in Laura.Roberts@eas.sefton.gov.uk – you must include a citation / title (short) and confirm permission for its use”</i></p> <p>The report will be presented to the LCR Climate Partnership next week.</p> <p>The YOE has also been shortlisted for two 2020 IEMA Sustainability Awards for both categories we entered :</p> <p>Biodiversity and Environmental Net Gain Sustainability Campaign (Not-For-Profit-Charity)</p> <p>Thanks to Andrew Clark and the team at MEAS for writing the award submissions. Board members will be kept informed of the outcome</p>	ALL
6.0	<p>LCR Climate Partnership/Forum/Fund update (Gideon Ben-Tovim OBE)</p> <p>GBT provided a useful update on the progress of the LCR Climate Partnership/Forum/Fund, which were all legacies of the YOE and announced at commitments by Metro Mayor Steve Rotheram at the LCR summit.</p> <p>In brief;</p> <p>The Climate Partnership will work to the following remit;</p>	For info

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	<p>a) Produce Climate Strategy and subsequent year on year Action Plan for LCR</p> <p>b) Deliver on the Environmental Grant Scheme Commitment</p> <p>c) Build on the networks and wider partnerships of the LNP and YOE, to set up a representative Climate Panel</p> <p>Notes</p> <p>Covid 19 has impacted the region in a multitude of ways, and the LCR CA are needing to respond with the development of a recovery plan – particularly around the economy which is seen as a top priority). It is therefore imperative that we continue, through the Climate partnership to push for a Green Recovery, and provide input into what that might look like for the LCR.</p> <p>There has been a new appointment at the CA (Rachel Waggett) who is now heading up this work. Rachel is also developing the grant scheme which will be of particular relevance to the wider YOE partners and community facing groups.</p> <p>The set-up of the Climate Panel, has not yet commenced.</p>	
7.0	<p>Interactive Soap Box Session – What would a Green Recovery look like for LCR – what should we as the LNP be campaign for, what are our priorities – what should we put to the Climate Partnership (All)</p> <p>All representatives at the meeting contributed to the session, with a 2 minute pitch of what they felt a Green Recovery should look like in the LCR.</p> <p>All partners asked to send over them proformas to MWh by 6th July, for collation and presentation to the CA. Please keep forms concise and highlight the key theme.</p> <p>Discussion around work placements/ providing opportunities for people to get involved in “green jobs” was held following AD from Groundwork’s pitch. CBwe to take discussions to LJMU re intern opportunities in the sector going forward.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>CBwe</p>
8.0	Any other Business – N/A	
9.0	<p>Next Meeting –</p> <p>Via Zoom</p> <p>Wednesday 7th October 2pm</p>	ALL