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Liverpool City Region Local Nature Partnership Board Meeting Minutes

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| Date: | Wednesday 21 st April 2pm. | |
| Present: | Gideon Ben-Tovim OBE (GBT) | Chair |
| | Michelle Whalley (MWh) | Mersey Forest / Nature Connected |
| | Jo Holden (JH) | Peel Holdings |
| | Dr Alan Jemmett (AJ) | Merseyside Environmental Advisory |
| | Caroline Holmes (CH) | Knowsley Council |
| | Stephen Sykes (SS) | EMANSYS |
| | Carl Beer (CB) | MWRA |
| | Rachel Hanmer-Dwight (RHD) | Liverpool University |
| | Josie Martin (EA) | Environment Agency |
| | Chris Lomas (CL) (part) | Liverpool City Council |
| | Steven Wong,(SW) | United Utilities |
| | Don Thompson (DT) | Merseyside Environmental Trust |
| | Lucy Abram (LA) | Natural England |
| | Nick Thompson (NT) | Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) |
| | Annie Merry (AM) | Faiths For Change |
| Rachel Cripps(RC) | Lancashire Wildlife Trust (LWT) | |
| Apologises | Paul Nolan Colm Bowe Michelle Cameron Mark Shaw Christine Derbyshire Ashley Bennington Alex Green | |
| Circulation: | As above & Board members. | |

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| Item | Comments | Action |
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| 1.0 | Welcome, Introductions, apologies, previous minutes (Gideon Ben-Tovim) | |
| 2.0 | <p>Liverpool City Council - Fields in Trust – Chris Lomas</p> <p>Liverpool City Council has forged a partnership with ‘Fields in Trust’.</p> <p>Background –</p> <p>There had been a breakdown in trust with some communities and the City Council, because of the risk of development with green space. In 2019 the Liverpool Parks Forum and a local MP approached the Council alongside Fields in Trust with a proposition that the council should show commitment to greenspace by protecting it in perpetuity for the benefits of the people of Liverpool. The council has started to look at phases of protections of all 117 sites across the LCC borough. This approach has built on lessons from the pandemic which has seen the use of parks has grown exponentially. The CC recognise the value of parks – to socialise, for health and wellbeing. climate change, biodiversity etc. So the council have set up a partnership with Fields in Trust that protects all the sites. You can still do something on the site if there is community benefit. But the parks can no longer be sold off. This is a massive undertaking from a legal perspective due to existing tenancy/deeds, so have to work systematically through each piece of land and clearly delineate the boundaries of the public park. A legal deed of protection protects site for 99 years. Signed just over a month ago. Starting first phase with 10 big city parks/10 smaller sites (identified as priority - by Fields in Trust).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature Connected – supports the Field In Trust’s approach of LCC. Positive step in terms of securing the future. | <p>Pass on congratulation for initiative – local authority members of the board to have a look at this model .</p> |
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Updates from the LCR Climate Partnership, (Gideon Ben-Tovim)

- Work continues – regular monthly meetings, well attended – including colleagues from Nature Connected Board.
- 1.0 LCR Climate Action Partnership update - *Gideon Ben-Tovim/all*
- YR Climate YR 1 action plan now signed off. Presented to the CA meeting, all very positive. LA leaders also contributing – very positive support. Environment Fund – 58 awards have been made. We hope to hear more about this. Climate panel has now been set up – additional consultative body. Climate partnership has met a number of times over the past year. Next phase of the work developing 2040 or earlier action plan. 1 year action plan reviewed quarterly and updated annually. COP 26 – the CA are working with partners closely across the North West – developing and aligning the whole of the NW leading up to COP 26. It is expected that there will be a virtual NW green summit before COP 26, and some sort of presence at COP 26 Glasgow. Work in hand – we perhaps can speak about this later in the year – would need all partners to contribute. Before next meeting – partners to send note about what they know might be happening and what else they could be doing.
 - Does Nature Connected want to put something on – in October / November before it?
 - Development by Rachel Wagget at the CA of a project pipeline of blue and green infrastructure – Rachel is very keen to have ready a number of projects to run if funding opportunities arise. To let Rachel know if there is something in the pipeline.

Partners to liaise
with Rachel
Wagget if there

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A request was made whether the minutes could be available publicly for information purposes, to show the public that something is being done and so that the panel could be held accountable | <p>are strategic projects currently being developed which could be put on the pipeline</p> <p>GBT to request whether the minutes can be published public – that way they can be held accountable.</p> |
| 3.0 | <p>Echo Environment Awards - Alan Jemmett</p> <p>NC via MEAS are sponsoring the youth environment champion awards – judging process currently taking place of submitted applications to come up with shortlist. Key thing to note, fair bit of media publicity promoting NC, and key messages – taking place on 28th April – Forward link to members if people want to attend. Need to register by 27th April.</p> <p>GBT passed on thanks on behalf of NC to Alan for running with it. UU are now lead sponsor for this year, and also sponsoring environmental champion award.</p> | |
| 5.0 | <p>Partner Updates - a chance for any member to update on recent significant issues/developments/bids (All)</p> <p>A round table was held for partners to share updates.</p> | |
| 8.0 | <p>Any other Business</p> <p>Carbon Literacy Training – via Annie Merry – 8 hour course. 2 half days. If interested contact Annie Merry.</p> | <p>Partners to contact Annie Merry if interested</p> |

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| 8.0 | Next Meeting Wednesday 7 th July 2pm – via ZOOM | |
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