



Liverpool City Region Local Nature Partnership Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 5th July 2pm.

Venue: Via Zoom

Attendees:

Katie Finkill-Coombs	Richard Scott	Paul Nolan
Gideon Ben-Tovim	Steven Wong	Alan Jemmett
Lucy Abram	Nick Thompson	Jo Holden (part)
Caroline Riley	Michelle Ca...	Don Thompson

1.0 Introductions/ Apologies; (Gideon Ben-Tovim)

2.0 Minutes of the last meeting/Matters Arising; (Gideon Ben-Tovim)

Perhaps a session on Air Quality next?

3.0 Environment Act 21

Water; (Caroline Riley/ Steve Wong)

Presentation was delivered.

UU cover large patch across NW. Large catchments owner and 56,000 acres of catchment private landowner, water treatment works. 5,000 directly employed staff across NW – many more as part of supply chain.

Understanding difference – foul sewage – surface water sewage (GI / roofs- more from 1990s – and combined sewers – (problem with storms)

Ask for presentation to circulate. Members fed back on the presentation

SW offered Lucy Abraham that new starters within NE could go on a tour of water catchment / water treatment works. And links with Catchment Friendly Farms officer.

In terms of LNRS – will there be a significant element within our patch. Rivers are an important part - Katie already talking about it. Katie sitting on project groups – actions similar to LNRS and wider partnership working / aligned with

AJ: LNRS – with catchment / river water join up lots of different habitats, a fundamental part of landscape-based approach.



To clarify a CSF Officer: Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer - a local adviser who helps landowners improve water and air quality. They provide advice on funding schemes. NE have one in each of the catchments.

4.0 Climate Partnership update (Gideon Ben-Tovim)

CEF – Year Two has now been completed – 38 projects have now been approved this year (£500,000), number of great projects across whole of LCR. Thank everybody who has had a role in this. They will be posted on the website (CA)

Years 2 – 5 Climate Action Plan: ARUP have now been commissioned to develop this for the CA. Climate partnership at next meeting will have initial consultation and will be engaging partners over the next 2 – 5 months.

Shared Prosperity Fund - Gideon invited to sit on it on behalf of Environment Sector. Some money for our region; a Green Resilience and Safe Communities Fund, worth £3.5M over the next three years. Call will start this summer with a plan to work through voluntary and community groups. Whole package will make a good contribution to enhancing the environment.

Calls on commissioning – interested in organisations that have match funding as this will help.

Last Climate Partnership Meeting: good presentation from Mike Coban and Carl Beer on waste and the environment net zero.

Carbon and Freeport development: Lancaster University research would be relevant. The ultimate dilemma: environment / economic development. To ask Nick to send over the paper if possible.

5.0 Nature and Environment Governance – (Alan Jemmett)

Need to update governance/linkages into the CA on the coat tails of WSP commissioned by NE. Recommendations: nature needed to be on equal footing within the other priorities of CA. AJ prepared a positive contribution – thoughts on governance greater role for NC

NE within the CA – approach to commissioning – (so partners can be commissioned to do extra work where needed).



Nature and Environment needs to be put on even footing with other partnership board (new and needed)

Waiting how the CA will respond in terms of this. AJ had meeting with Rachel Waggett and John Mellors from CA considering different options and ideas. Respecting roles of individual local authorities, enabling and supporting delivery partners.

Lucy / Katy (NE) questioning where we are at in terms of report commissioned. Report has been circulated with seven recommendations. Since report was finalised, (final workshop). One steering group meeting. Intention to have follow up conversation with steering group, bring some of the outcomes back to NC once conversations around governance have been concluded. Keen that Lucy can attend management meeting so that we take forward recommendations.

Report back at October meeting – CA and profile of Nature in their work

6.0 Open Forum...for members to update on key initiatives, particularly those that could lead to collaboration and support from NC colleagues (All)

RS: Biodiversity Net Gain following successful NEIF bid.RS to do briefing note for circulation.

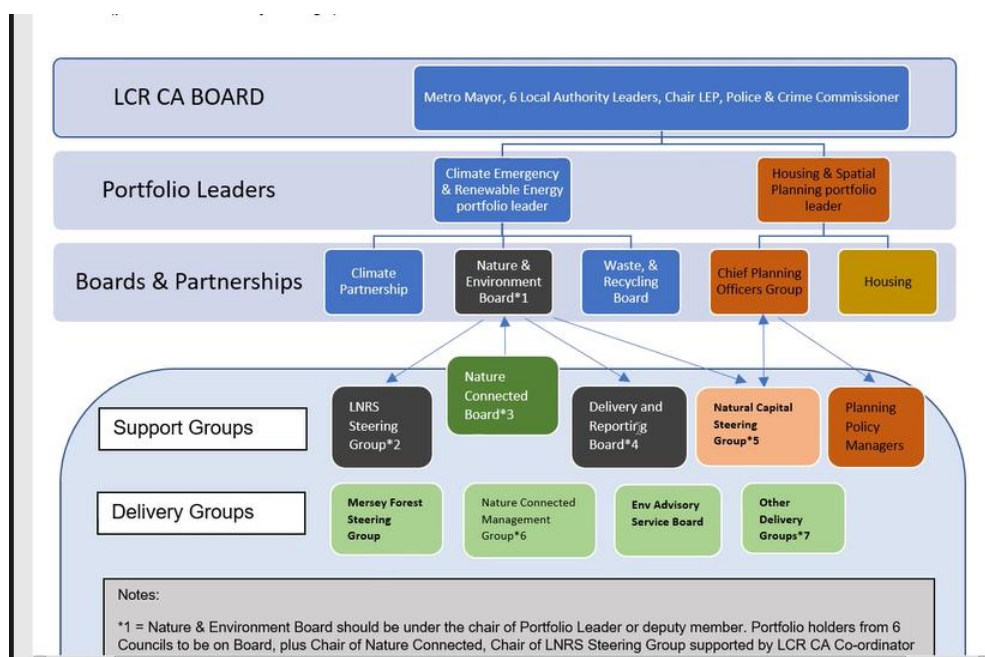
Katie: LNRS –waiting for funding to be confirmed and regs and guidance should be published next year. 14th June / CA and MEAS met at Biobank to keep momentum on LNRS e.g. what tasks can they be doing now to support CA. Core project team.

Species workshop being help next Tuesday, invited local and national species group invited.

AJ: England coastal path – update (NT)

7.0 Biodiversity Net Gain and NEIRF grant (Alan Jemmett)

NEIF using existing spatial approaches to develop / building on existing good work





GUTS / Core – Nature based investment mechanism – bring together different elements of BNG: land/ sellers/ buyers (developers) with number of other parties (investors / brokers). Delivery/management of MNG moving forward – developing financial model that will work and retain value locality.

- Look at multi-functionality (natural capital benefits)
- Working with other successful NEIRF projects – need to align and share emerging good practice. – all working towards similar aims and outcomes

Pooling some of the new burden funding to undertake ecological survey of LA land to assess the potential for habitat banks, net gain sites. This helps get a rapid start and assist LAs in ‘oven-ready’ solutions for when net gain becomes mandatory (November 2023)

JH: Fantastic coverage across LCR looking at biobanking aggregator across NW. Speke Garston Nature Reserve working with partners to understanding potential in terms of biodiversity banking for coastal reserve, what’s happening on private land and informing private landowners what’s happening with habitat banking

Next meeting: October 12th, 2022, 2pm - online