

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

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2pm.	
<b>Present:</b>	Gideon Ben-Tovim OBE (GBT)x	Chair
	Michelle Whalley (MWh)x	Mersey Forest / Nature Connected
	Jo Holden (JH)*	Peel Holdings
	Dr Alan Jemmett (AJ)x	Merseyside Environmental Advisory
	Caroline Holmes (CH) (x	Knowsley Council
	Steve Wong (SW)	United Utilities
	Nick Thompson (NT)*	Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)
	Carl Beer	MWRA
	Dr Colm Bowe	LJMU
	Rachel Cripps	LWT
	Paul Nolan	Mersey Forest
	Ashley Bennington (AB)	Environment Agency
	Katie Finkill-Coombs	Natural England
	John Dempsey (Part)	Green Sefton
Richard Thompson	National Wildflower Centre	
<b>Circulation:</b>	As above & Board members.	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Action</b>
1.0	<b>Welcome, Introductions, apologies, previous minutes (Gideon Ben-Tovim)</b>	
2.0	<b>Environment Act '21</b> a) <b>Waste; Carl Beer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waste and resource – political champion – Liverpool Mayor Jo Anderson is now champion for sector /issue.</li> </ul>	

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- Started work on a framework for a zero waste strategy for LCR partnership approach – district and MRWA but will widen in due course – to involve parts of waste sector that are not domestic – (such as commercial waste)
- Strategy and action plan for zero waste. Lead in each authorities – to take this forward – e.g. use/ reuse apps, promoting community and voluntary sector/activism– e.g. furniture / white goods – things become vital to help people in LCR , JA particular interesting in grass roots.
- Also showcase new technology way of doing things – underground recycling bins – show people that they mean what they say– see different collections / reuse on a big scale - / reuse hubs / new technology
- Some of the background is new legislation – Environment Act – waste and resource. Consistent collections – Government to impose regulations in kerbside collections – tetra packs, aluminium – regulatory requirement on councils – treatment process will need to change – due to come in 2024 – 2025 .
- Council will need to do some work in introducing these new services – retro fit recycling centres to extract recycling
- Weekly food collections – mandatory weekly food waste collection (possibly combined with garden waste)
- Reverse vending machines
- Other things in act around waste – duty of care – hazardous waste – new rules. Digital waste tracking system – so that the Environment Agency and LA’s – can understand what has happened to waste and where it’s gone.
- Other initiatives include new money for councils – new burdens funding (food) extended producer responsibilities scheme –, will encourage less packaging / polystyrene /

*CH – from a LA perspective – and city region – real opportunities for really consistent messaging campaigns around behavioural change / circular economy in LCR – messaging needs to be there up front – CB best opportunity we’ve had to do this on a joint basis for 25 years*

- Strategic waste partnership – new in place – draft strategy (meets on monthly basis).
- Jo Anderson – interested in bringing together all of heads of comms across LA – around behavioural change –

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- zerowastelcr.com – new waste website
- A new Portal is being launched– what you can do about recycling / reuse / what’s going on – strategy to go on there (ZERO WASTE)
- Offer to come back to the group for later in the year to discuss zero waste strategy.

### b) Biodiversity net gain consultation – Alan Jemmett

- Still quite a lot of uncertainty as to how will operate.

#### Headlines.

- Attracting huge amount of interest from elected members
- GAIN sites – strong mechanisms big job to do – upskilling members / colleagues in planning – major undertaking.
- what does it mean in terms of economic regeneration – live discussions moving forward
- Shooting up agenda –once in a generation opportunity in terms of biodiversity and many ecosystem services
- MEAS Consultation –55 consultation questions. Over 100 pages to review
- Response went in yesterday by the deadline. Majority of comments made sit well with NC.

#### KEY ISSUES \_ common

- 1) BIODIVERSITY net gain mandatory for development – minimum 10%
  - 2) Smaller sites- longer transition period (2024)
  - 3) New burdens funding (£10,000 per authority) – Deploying resources.
- SUB group working on it –
  - Key things in consultation – a lot of detail will be working through regulations.
  - A new duty coming for LA (above in in terms of practical attempts to enhance biodiversity
  - Fundamental link to nature recovery strategy – gain site – have to get the spatial approach and landscape approach right – close work with CA and those involved in nature recovery strategy – local planning processes. Planning obligations with S106 agreement – have to have evidence

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	<p>that measures are going to be effective therefore good record keeping.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk – of leakage of value outside of the LCR – local authorities need to be prepared and ready with a pipeline of sites ready.</li> <li>• Where are the GAIN sites?(e.g. public estates)</li> <li>• Need to make sure no unintended consequences.</li> </ul> <p>Thanks to MEAS from GBT</p> <p>Welcome to Richard Scott.</p>	
3.0	<p><b>Climate Partnership update; Gideon Ben-Tovim</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CEF has been relaunched by Metro Mayor Steve Rotherham.</li> <li>• On CA Website.</li> <li>• Work has become on pathway to zero action plan – consultant has had to withdraw. Good progress made initially – reviewing next phase of work – GBT will keep us informed.</li> <li>• Structures around waste, - CA – net zero delivery board – brings together at delivery level boards etc.</li> </ul> <p><i>Nick Thompson – Can we have a list of who the portfolio holders are</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivery Board – Net Zero (chief executive leading on this + Leader of St Helen’s - (CLLR David Baines) + Rachel Waggett – key officer.</li> </ul> <p><i>AJ - can we seek a meeting with Cllr Baines? Brief him on work with WSP etc –urgency of shared agenda?</i></p> <p><i>On back of report by Natural England – what comes out of this report – and key person involved –</i></p> <p><i>GBT yes let’s make this happen – wait until post-election – to meet colleagues from this table (as we have previously discussed a lot of emphasis on energy transport housing etc).</i></p>	GBT

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4.0	<p><b>Strategic Infrastructure plan for the Spatial Development Strategy (SDS ) – Colm Bowe</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CA – have commissioned ARUP to support them to do some engagement in investment plan – supporting the SDS (POLICIES Around SDS) spoken work is going on and nature connected being engaged through this work,</li> <li>• NT – Are there any terms of reference for what ARUP’S role is and what they will be doing. How is the SDS going fundamental important planning document – very keen to see how it is developed. Invite Mark back to this group to give us an update at this stage. Nick to contact Mark directly.</li> </ul>	NT
4.0	<p><b>Nature Connected: Unlocking and Co-ordinating the power of the Environmental Partners – Alan Jemmett.</b></p> <p>AJ presented a paper on Nature Connected which highlighted the need for greater capacity within the partnership to take on further work and discussed possible financial models for doing so.</p> <p>LNRS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on LNRS – KFH – meeting with Rachel Waggett – structure and governance finalised – did discuss role of LNP – heavily encouraged – do have important role within LNRS.</li> <li>• A tiered membership for Nature Connected was discussed to examine whether this could be used to generate a more sustainable income stream to help towards a potential newly created role for a coordinator for Nature Connected. There was very limited appetite amongst members for this approach.</li> </ul>	
5.0	<p><b>Partner updates.</b> <b>Partners were given the opportunity to update.</b></p>	
3.0	<p><b>AOB</b></p>	



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8.0	<b>Next Meeting</b> 05/07/2022 2pm via zoom	
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