

Meeting notes



Meeting Title:	Local Nature Partnership Board Meeting
Date:	11 th June 2020
Time:	10:00 – 12:00
Location:	via Microsoft Teams
Present:	Kevin Gaston (KG) Co-Chair, Robin Teverson (RT) Co-Chair, Wesley Smyth (WS) (until 11.15am), Carolyn Cadman (CC), Tom Hooper (TH), Karen Burrows (KB), Steve Marks (SM), Oliver Baines (OB), Sarah Mason (SM), Cllr Jonathan Smith (JS), Sophie Hosking (SH), Nick Bruce-White (NB-W), Helen Dobby (HD), Steve Ford (SF)
In attendance:	Philippa Hoskins (PH), Lorna Gaunt (Minutes)
Guests:	Rob Lacey, Natasha Collings-Costello, Jacquie Stenson
Apologies	Cllr Rob Nolan

PLEASE NOTE: due to current Covid-19 related restrictions this meeting took place virtually and was shorter than usual Board Meetings

Item	
1	<p>Climate Change DPD</p> <p>Rob Lacey (RL) explained to Board Members that the Climate Change Development Plan Document (DPD) was currently being worked on; Members had not seen the document at the time of the meeting. He explained there would be 3 consultative periods; more than 330 responses were received from the recent consultation from March to May. There would be an expanded policy engagement stage enabling further opportunities to comment on the DPD. Comments are welcomed through the Climate Change email address climatechange@cornwall.gov.uk. The DPD was due to go to Cabinet in July followed by consultation in August/September and Cabinet again in December. The Environment Bill, Agriculture Bill, Planning White Paper and Covid-19 would all have an impact on these deadlines.</p> <p>RL gave a presentation to the Board and asked Board Members to consider the Natural Climate Solutions, Coastal Change and Flooding and Agriculture aspects of the document in particular to see if anything had been missed, or if there were any specific comments.</p> <p>A conversation with questions and answers followed and these were the main points: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LNP welcomed the ambition of the DPD and felt that Cornwall was ahead of the rest of the UK in developing this and Cornwall Council should be congratulated • If possible, need to consider marine (and coastal?) carbon sequestration, for example through marine vegetation (as per Marine Conservation report)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns that peatlands are not mentioned in the DPD • ELMs – Cornwall’s farmed land surface plays a significant role in sequestering carbon and this could be increased with changes to land management and certain farming practices • Health & Well-being links – this is a major cross cutting theme – some representatives want a specific policy but the view of PHE is that it needs to be seen in everything - to be imbedded in next stage • CWT have commented directly with both positive comments and raising some concerns • Need for an over-arching Land Use Strategy to inform spatial planning– there are ambitions for LNP to advocate this; how it can feed in through EA and CC DPD, etc. https://www.theccc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Land-use-Policies-for-a-Net-Zero-UK.pdf • Cornwall Catchment Partnership discussions are taking place with regards to landowners and Covid-19 recovery • In principle the LNP are supportive of the use of Lagas, but need to understand detail of how this will work in practice within planning system • Good to see flexibility in the DPD for Nature Recovery Strategies and Nature Based Solutions. • Concern around the lack of enforcement of the developments and relevant planning conditions arising from DPD • Some concerns about the inclusion of Anaerobic Digestion • Concerns that bio-fuels are contained in the DPD • There should be stronger links between the development and content of neighbourhood plans with the climate change DPD policies • Maybe an opportunity for food waste reduction across tourism and hotel sector. Significant economic savings and benefits. WRAP and Travel Foundation involved in this. TH can share a report/contacts. <p>Actions:</p> <p>The LNP would give a high level contribution to the ongoing consultation</p> <p>The LNP would produce a draft letter response to the current Climate Change DPD document</p>
2	<p>2.1 Apologies, items for AOB, Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Apologies: Were received from Cllr Rob Nolan AOB: Dose of Nature Report and LEP Rural Policy Group</p> <p>2.2 Minutes of previous Board Meeting</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting were approved</p> <p>2.3 Matters Arising and Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PH circulated the Nature Recovery Plan principles for Board Member’s comments. They will be addressed through the Nature Recovery Work Group and updates on this will be given to future Board Meetings. • All other actions were either being addressed or had been completed.

	<p>2.4 Chair's update The Co-chairs gave updates</p> <p>2.5 Board Member Update Board members gave individual updates</p>
3	<p>Co-chairs and Board Membership</p> <p>Co-chairs Prof. Kevin Gaston will be coming to the end of his term as Co-chair in September 2020. The Board discussed options for Chairing the Board from September onwards.</p> <p>It was generally felt that the Co-chair model had worked well in the past, benefitting from both strategic and academic leads, however for good governance it was now preferable to have a single Chair and Vice Chair. It would also provide an opportunity to have a strong single figurehead for the Partnership.</p> <p>Action: to return to July's meeting with a proposal as to how the LNP would be Chaired from September 2020 onwards, for approval by Board Members</p> <p>Board Membership There are currently 13 Board Members out of a possible 15.</p> <p>Wes Smyth and Cllr Jonathan Smith would be reaching the end of their 3 year term in September, which could be extended to another 3 years under the Terms of Reference.</p> <p>The Board discussed representation; it was felt it could be strengthened further by the recruitment of a Board Member with a rural/land use background or a land owner/farmer. Possibly from The Duchy or the National Trust?</p> <p>It was noted that the CloSLNP protocol was to advertise externally for new Board Members to enable a fair and transparent process.</p>
4	<p>AOB</p> <p>Congratulations to Oliver Baines who has been appointed as the LNP representative on the LEP Rural Group.</p> <p>Dose of Nature – Carolyn Cadman suggested that she would handle the enquiry that the LNP has received regarding an update on the Dose of Nature consultation.</p>
	<p>Dates of Next Meetings – 9th July 2020 – Virtual via Microsoft Teams 10th September 2020 – Isles of Scilly Annual Meeting</p>