

MINUTES OF GREENPRINT ENVIRONMENT FORUM

Monday 29 January 2007, 7.00pm

Council Chamber, Suffolk Coastal District Council

Present

Name	Representing	Name	Representing
Cllr Mary Dixon	SCDC	Joan Huxley	SWT Alde & Blythburgh
Phil Gore	Head of Health, SCDC	Frank Huxley	Leiston cum Sizewell TC
Fiona Patrick	SCDC	Judith Foord	Aldeburgh Society
K Carr-Tansley	Benhall & Sternfield PC	Liz Mark	Bawdsey PC
Guy Ackers	SWT	David Aufenast	Bawdsey PC
Colin Coates	Woodbridge RSPB	Christina Gorst-Ellis	Framlingham
Luke Bennett	SC LSP	Alan Clement	
John Coles	NFU	John Fisher	Saxmundham TC
John Forbes	Martlesham PC	Peter Ward	
Diana Ball	Woodbridge TC	J M Friend	Hollesley PC & SALC
L Burrows	Martlesham PC		

Apologies

Several apologies received including: - Cllr Andrew Nunn

1. Introductions

Cllr Mary Dixon welcomed everyone to the Greenprint Forum.

2. Forum Members update

Hedgerow Surveys - Guy Ackers

Update on how the Hedgerow surveys are going. Parishes are still signing up. Most Local Authorities are signed up which should result in reduce workload and financial costs on Suffolk Coastal D. C.

Climate Change Seminar - 13 February 2007, 19:00-21:00 hours at IP-City Centre, Ipswich

Targeting Local Authority Councillors and senior managers, but due to a prior meeting Suffolk Coastal Members likely to be under represented. Phil Gore has contacted organisers who would welcome up to 6 Greenprint Forum members to attend. Phil Gore handed out leaflets with contact details.

Revised Local Agenda 21 Charter (LA21)

The Green Issues Task Group have been reviewing LA21 Charter - document is available for comment (copy attached). Consultation deadline is 23 February 2007. The Council will also be consulting on the Local Development Framework which will be available on the web from 5th February. Copies will be sent on disc to Town and Parish Councils.

3. Projects delivered by partners working through the Local Strategic Partnership - Luke Bennett, LSP Co-ordinator

Handed out (copy attached) detailing some of the projects developed or supported by the LSP. Luke went through key points.

Discussions held on

- Climate Change
- Carbon Emissions - how is SCDC going to meet the National Targets set. Mary Dixon responded that as part of the Green Issues Task Group the Council will be looking at itself to reduce emissions and lead by example
- Housing Developments - a lot of strong feeling that developers should be made to build environment friendly developments. Members urged to put their views forward with regard to the LA21 Charter
- Air Quality - Woodbridge Junction. PG updated the group.

Greenprint Representative on Board of LSP

Three members volunteered to be on the Board of LSP. It was agreed that Mary Dixon would take the Lead, Colin Coates or John Forbes would attend when Mary was unavailable.

4. Environmental Volunteering - Karen Lawson, Voluntary & Community Sector Development Co-ordinator, Suffolk Coastal LSP/SAVO - (due to unforeseen circumstance Karen was not able to attend.)

Luke Bennett handed out (copy attached) Karen's proposal to the forum. It was agreed that the Steering Group could meet with Karen to obtain further information.

Concerns were raised as to the classification of a volunteer. The government states that a volunteer is someone that does 2 hours of voluntary work every week, for 52 weeks of the year. The group felt that this was very unrealistic, as lots of volunteers do so on an as and when basis.

5. Agree revised Terms of Reference for the Greenprint Forum

Discussed and Phil Gore to make amendments

6. Late Business

- PG - Organising a site visit to a wood chip producer for the April meeting
- MD - An Inconvenient Truth - A film which offers a passionate and inspirational look at one man's fervent crusade to halt global warming's deadly progress in its tracks by exposing the myths and misconceptions that surround it. PG to purchase a DVD and organise a showing.

Dates for next meetings - 23 April 2007, 23 July 2007, 22 October 2007, 28 January 2008