

1. MINUTES OF GREENPRINT ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

Monday 27 November 2006, 7.00pm

Council Chamber, Suffolk Coastal District Council

Present

Name	Representing	Name	Representing
Cllr Mary Dixon	SCDC	John Forbes	Martlesham PC
Phil Gore	Head of Health, SCDC	Penny Austen Brown	Suffolk Coastal Business Forum
Fiona Patrick	SCDC	Gillian & Tony Hughes	Felixstowe Society
Guy Ackers	SWT	Luke Bennett	SC LSP
R Dixon	Felixstowe Society	Laurence Burrows	Martlesham PC
R Rankin	WEA Felixstowe	Judith Foord	Aldeburgh Society
M D Rankin	WEA Felixstowe	John Davies	SCDC
Liz Mark	Bawdsey PC	Joan Huxley	Alde & Blyth SWT
David Aufenast	Bawdsey PC	Frank Huxley	Leiston cum Sizewell TC
Cllr Andrew Nunn	SCDC	John Fisher	Saxmundham TC
D E Ball	Woodbridge TC	D Ardizzone	Yoxford PC
John E Coles	NFU	S Haslam	Yoxford PC

Apologies

Several apologies received

1. Introductions

Cllr Mary Dixon welcomed everyone to the Greenprint Forum.

2. Forum Members update

Cllr Andrew Nunn - Twin bin Scheme

Twin bin scheme rolled out to 9470 properties during June & September only 29 properties in the target areas are served with the sacks, due to problems with access to the properties. Recycling percentages have gone up and it's all working very well. Every property due to have the twin bin scheme is assessed and discussions with Owners/Occupiers where necessary.

Approx. 13 - 16 major retailers have agreed to reduce packaging by 50% by 2010 - work is in progress.

Commercial waste - business are being contacted in the areas where the twin bin scheme is being used. Recycling where possible with a 100% recycling on cardboard.

Phil Gore

SCDC Green Issues Task Group

Cross party member task group looking to raise the profile of green issues within SCDC. 2 meetings to date looking at

- Green purchasing policy
- LA21 areas to focus on and review
- Energy use and climate change
- Energy policy and Action plan - Phil Gore to draft

Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change

PG reported that SCDC signed up on the 26/10/06. PG to provide action plan. So far 130 Local Authorities have signed up. Locally Waveney, Mid Suffolk, Suffolk County Council and Ipswich Borough Council have signed.

Suffolk CRed Partnership

Suffolk Carbon Reduction Partnership - made up of Suffolk Authorities, University of East Anglia, Seal, Env Agency etc. Lots of support for climate change and have recently been awarded a grant of £112,000 towards this project.

Green Issues Officer

PG has put in a growth bid for a Green Issues Officer to support SCDC green issues which will include the Greenprint Forum. Bid to be considered at cabinet on 5/12/06 and if approved hope to get an officer in place asap.

Liz Marks/ Penny Austen Brown

Air Quality Monitoring

Feel that changes to local traffic lights are making the situation worse not better. PG said he would feedback the forums views to the LAQM Officer.

3. Future Challenges for Agriculture - Neil Ridley, Otley College

Neil Ridley has worked in Agriculture all his life and had the opportunity to see agriculture all over the world. Please follow link for his presentation [\\mh-fpc2\Group2\SCDC_site\Greenprint Forum\Future challenges for agriculture .ppt.ppt](#)

Discussions followed on

- Food Miles
- Small Growers - dealing with all legislation - HSE, Food Safety etc
- Decline in Supermarkets
- Climate Change
- Percentage of food consumed in GB that is grown in GB
- Courses at Otley College

4. Update on the Local Strategic Partnership - Luke Bennett, LSP Co-ordinator

Luke Bennett is the co-ordinator for the LSP, not a member. Please follow the link for his presentation [Luke Bennett GreenPrint Presentation.ppt](#)

Discussions followed on

- Community Involvement - how difficult it is to get volunteers to do anything.
- Greenprint Representative - Guy Ackers has been the Greenprint representative, but feels that he has not been able to contribute as much as he would have liked as he does not feel qualified to talk on such matters as Antisocial Behaviour etc. PDG thanked Guy for being the Greenprint representative, it has been difficult because environmental issues have not been a priority within the Community Strategy. It was also important that in future there is support from the rest of the group. It is important for the Greenprint to be represented, especially as some members have many valuable years' experience of contact with different communities/groups.

- Housing Building Regulations - inefficient houses are being built - need for an improvement in the building regs. to make developers build more environmentally friendly properties - well insulated and cheap to run. PDG informed group that Local Development Framework is looking at sustainable construction.
- Members would appreciate feedback

5. Update of Greenprint Aims and Objectives

Copies of Greenprint Aims and Objectives from 11 June 1996 were given to each member. Ideas for update included

- Raising awareness
- Climate Change

PDG to draft new aims and objectives for circulation to the group and discussion at the next meeting on 29 January 2007