

MINUTES OF GREENPRINT ENVIRONMENT FORUM

Monday 26th April 2010
Council Chamber, 7pm – 9pm

Present

Charles Nottcutt	Woodbridge TC
Colin Coates	Woodbridge RSPB
Joan Huxley	SWT Alde & Blythburgh
Guy Ackers	SWT
Duncan McNiven	Speaker Natural England
Alex Dinsdale	Speaker NFU
Phil Gore	SCDC
Veronica Falconer	SCDC
Deborah Wargate	SCDC
Diana Ball	SCDC
John Fisher	Saxmundham TC
Rendell-Read, Susan	RSPB
Alan Tinline	Port of Felixstowe
John Forbes	Martlesham PC
Frank Huxley	Leiston cum Sizewell TC
Jenny Friend	Hollesley Parish Council
Micheal Friend	Hollesley Parish Council
Sarah Durrant	Greener Sax
David Price	Greener Fram
Kate Ayre	Greener Fram
David Wilkinson	Flagship Housing
Reg Dixon	Felixstowe Society
Mary Dixon	Chair Greenprint Forum
Liz Mark	Bawdsey Parish Council
David Aufenast	Bawdsey Parish Council
Fiona Patrick	SCDC
Laurence Burrows	Martlesham Parish Council
Mark Fisher	
David Greenacre	Greener Fram
Stephen Czarnota	Otley Green
Betsy Reid	Transition Woodbridge

Apologies – Matthew Ling, Andrew Nunn, Gill Denny, Michael Strand, Nigel – Transition Woodbridge, Joan Sennington, Wenhaston Energy Support Group, Tony Pritchard, Tony Barrett, Andrew Cassy, Mike Sherwen, Katie Carr- Tansley, Judy Powell, Neil Montgomery, David Wilkinson

1. **Introductions**

Mary Dixon welcomed everyone to the Greenprint Forum.

2. **Updates**

- Liz Mark reported on the Church Environmental Group – Local vicar visited a glacier 34 years ago, has been back recently and is shocked at what they found.
- Mary Dixon – Trimley have been planting lots of trees.

3. **Greenest County Awards**

- Rewarding excellent work, celebrating success and inspiring others
- Suffolk Coastal had a total of 10 people/business/schools make it to the shortlist
- Categories – Greenest Community, Business & School
- Selection of awards shown to the group from a DVD. All awards can be watched at:-
http://www.greensuffolk.org/ctgc_awards/award_winners_2010
- Congratulation to Guy Ackers & Greener Fram who both won awards.
- If anyone would like to make nominations for the 2011 awards please see the Green Suffolk website

4. **Natural England – Reintroducing the White Tailed Eagle – Pros, Duncan McNiven**

Presentation key additions:

Sea Eagles are within recent history familiar to the area – occasionally overwintering with no livestock kills noted.

Sea eagles will be tagged and traceable by satellite.

The project partners have allocated £40k in total from this year's budgets to fund the feasibility studies for the current year. The forecast for costs of the release phase are £150k per annum for six years. The RSPB expects to be able to raise a substantial proportion of the costs through external funding and has an excellent track record in this regard.

Population modelling predicts that releasing 20 birds per year for six years will result in 3 pairs breeding after 6 years rising to 20 pairs breeding after 15 years which we would regard as an established population. Evidence from Scotland suggests that about one third of the released birds will be recruited into the breeding population as a number will die through natural causes or various environmental hazards. In the Fife project they have had only one chick (out of 45 in total) die in captivity through illness.

5. **NFU – Reintroducing the White Tailed Eagle – Cons, Alex Dinsdale**

The point raised about rabbits being reduced by the White Tailed Eagles is a good one – but I suspect that any impact the birds could have would be a small one based on the huge numbers of rabbits and the relatively small numbers of eagles likely to be released, unlike the potential scale of damage to farm businesses from both overflying and spooking, and direct predation. A significant number of our arable members will have problems with rabbits but would also object to the introduction of a

top predator that could have serious implications for their outdoor pig and poultry producing colleagues.

6. AOB

- Liz Mark reported on the Alde & Ore Conference

Dates for forthcoming Meetings

Monday 26 July 2010

Monday 25th October 2010

Monday 24 January 2011