

INTRODUCTION

The Suffolk Coastal LSP brings together at a local level public, private, business, community and voluntary sectors to support each other and work together. One of its major roles is to prepare and implement a Community Strategy for the district.

Five working groups have been established to take forward work in priority areas [Young People, Community Development, Access to Services, Adults and Healthier Communities, Economy, Learning and Skills]. The Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership also now comes under the LSP's umbrella.

The working groups also engage directly with the Local Area Agreement (LAA).

This years Forum focused on how various local communities can work closer with the LSP. There were workshops around the Crime and Disorder Partnership, engagement through volunteering, engaging with young people, and better engagement with the LSP Board.

LSP DELIVERY FOR 2006/07

- Five individual action plans – one from each working group.
- Targets from other partnerships and organisations demonstrating what they will do to address key issues identified in the Community Strategy. Some environment targets are monitored (see page 5).

CURRENT ACTION

Some (but not all) examples of projects developed or supported by the LSP are briefly described below:

Helping young people to make a positive contribution to our community.

- The LSP has a part time Young Peoples Co-ordinator working with young people (rather than for them) and helping them have a say in decisions that effect them.
- The post holder (Kerri Mohan) works closely with a range of youth organisations at various locations around the district.
- A youth council for Suffolk Coastal has had its first meeting.
- This group has begun to distribute funding to allow young peoples projects to take place through the Youth Opportunity Fund.

Supporting the voluntary and community sector (VCS) to deliver key services.

- A VCS Development Officer has recently been recruited by the LSP.
- The post holder (Karen Lawson) is based at Suffolk Association of Voluntary Organisations (SAVO) and is working directly with Voluntary and Community Groups to increase their capacity through training, mentoring, information sharing and sharing best practice.
- Karen has produced a proposal for the Greenprint Forum to help increase environmental volunteering in Suffolk Coastal.

Facilitating the production of Parish Plans.

- The LSP recognises that Parish Councils are well positioned to drive forward action for local communities and give them more of a voice in decision making.
- Over eighteen months a Parish Plans Development Co-ordinator will work with a selection of parishes to review and refine how parish plans are developed to enable more plans to be produced more effectively.
- This post holder (sunila Osborne) has recently been recruited and is hosted by Suffolk ACRE.

Advice and grants for rural communities.

- The LSP supports the existing Community Development Fund, which includes the village shop scheme aimed at promoting access to services in rural areas.
- So far this year Ufford Post Office and Store, Alderton Post Office and Store, and Earl Soham shop have received advice and funding to build their business.

Quality of Life information events for residents.

- A series of quality of life events were held during the summer to give information and opportunities to local residents about healthy lifestyle and opportunities to get involved in the local community.
- Roadshows were held in Felixstowe, Woodbridge and Leiston
- These will be repeated again next year.

Community Action for Biodiversity.

- Funding through the LSP has enabled the County Biodiversity Co-ordinator to allocate extra time to working in the district.
- To increase participation in volunteering on some of our green spaces
- To improve their value as wildlife habitats
- Encourage and improve access and exercise.

Reducing obesity in children.

- The LSP supports the MEND (Mind, Exercise, Nutrition and Diet) program developed by Gt. Ormond Street and now in Suffolk.
- The program tackles the whole issue of obesity in children aged 5 – 11 and involves the parents. The purpose is to reduce the child's weight in a sustainable way and have knock on benefits for the whole family.

Supporting sick and disabled people back into employment.

- Currently a large number of people who receive incapacity benefit have either previously been in employment or have the ability to gain employment given the right advice and guidance.
- The LSP supports a project set up by Job Centre Plus, Suffolk County Council and MENCAP to assess disabled people's needs in employment and find them appropriate work opportunities.

Reducing perception of anti social behaviour.

- The LSP has funded a number of projects in places perceived as 'hotspot' areas for antisocial behaviour.
- Employed two detached youth workers, to work at Rushmere St Andrews to provide alternatives to low level nuisance crime in the area.
- Supported the provision of a mobile skate board park in identified areas during school holidays.

Reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured in road accidents

- Support a professional theatre company to deliver road safety messages to high schools and colleges (600 students have seen performances of “The Buzz” in 2006).
- Use the Pass Plus courses to improve novice driver skills for drivers aged between 17-24 (79 so far in Suffolk Coastal).

FUTURE CHALLENGES

“Whilst the District has an enviable environmental quality, there must be concern that there are several indicators that would imply that matters which impact on climate change are moving in the wrong direction. The district, because of its coastal frontage and relatively low levels of rainfall, is susceptible to the changes taking place in climatic conditions. Therefore, the LSP may wish to consider further the role it plays in contributing to the climate change agenda”.

“It is suggested that the Community Strategy and delivery plan be reviewed in respect of how green issues and social /health/community care issues are addressed.”

Suffolk Coastal District Council has as part of its annual review of priorities and budgets, identified “green issues” as an important priority for improvement and an area which it will seek to work with interested parties in the District.

CLIMATE CHANGE, THE GREENPRINT FORUM AND THE LSP...

Discussion on the types of action to consider leading on or supporting:

- **Awareness and education** – increasing awareness and provide education for the public and businesses about climate change and how to mitigate its causes and adapt to its impacts.

Proposal: Support the information roadshows next summer to take the message to the community

- **Policies and plans** – Seek to ensure mitigation and adaptation to climate change are addressed in the policies and plans for the LSP

Proposal: Support the Board to review and refresh the Community Strategy and action plan

- **Increase participation** – Encouraging individuals, businesses and public organisations to get actively engaged in mitigating causes of climate change and adapting to its impacts.

Proposal: Participate in the LSP project to increase people who volunteer in environmental projects.

- **Funding** – Finding funding for initiatives aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and dealing with impacts of climate change.

Proposal: Identify and apply for funding sources, particularly those not open to statutory organisations.



- **Leading by example and sharing expertise** – Encouraging authorities and businesses in Suffolk Coastal to lead by example in taking actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and in adapting to climate change and sharing their expertise.

Proposal: Identify best practice from other LSPs where partners have been asked to sign up to an environmental charter or such like

- **Monitoring and review** – Undertake monitoring of the LSP or more detailed risk assessment specific to individual actions.



SAFEGUARD, ENHANCE AND MANAGE THE DISTINCTIVE HIGH QUALITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE DISTRICT

Safeguard, enhance and manage biodiversity

OUTCOME:	TARGET	BY WHO: [LEAD & PARTNERS]	BY WHEN:	INDICATOR	DETAILS
<p>Baseline information of current biodiversity action published.</p> <p>Audit of Suffolk Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) carried out identifying key habitats and species in Suffolk Coastal & assessing which are ideal for community engagement</p> <p>Locations identified near communities where biodiversity projects contribute towards the Suffolk LBAP (use existing green space and biodiversity mapping to assist in this)</p> <p>Refine list; ensure realistic via consultation with Biodiversity executive steering group, Suffolk Coastal LSP and other interests.</p> <p>Co-ordinated and assisted with three community-led biodiversity projects in Suffolk Coastal. Progress monitored through the Biodiversity Action Reporting system BARs.</p> <p>Support provided by Suffolk BAP officer for the three community biodiversity groups to ensure integration with Suffolk BAP and reporting through BARs.</p>	<p>Report published</p> <p>Draft report prepared</p> <p>Mapped-based information drafted</p> <p>Consultation completed & final report published</p> <p>Three projects/events organised Data entered onto BARs.</p> <p>Consolidation of earlier project work/events</p> <p>Final report</p>	<p>Suffolk Biodiversity Partnership</p>	<p>Aug 2006</p> <p>Oct 2006</p> <p>Feb 2007</p> <p>May 2007</p> <p>Jun-Nov 2007</p> <p>Throughout 2008 Dec 2008</p>	<p> A</p> <p> G</p>	<p>Baseline study partially complete – some delay in locating information</p> <p>Audit almost complete</p>

UNDERTAKE PRACTICAL MEASURES TO IMPROVE PUBLIC AWARENESS, UNDERSTANDING OF AND PROMOTE THE FOLLOWING:

Energy conservation

OUTCOME:	TARGET	BY WHO [LEAD & PARTNERS] :	BY WHEN:	INDICATOR	DETAILS
Reduce by 20% UK carbon dioxide emissions from 1990 levels by 2021 (60% reduction in CO2 emissions from 2000 levels by 2050 (National target)	Establish a carbon footprint for two communities within Suffolk Coastal	SCDC, Greenprint, Energy Saving Trust (Subject to successful SSP bid)	March 2008		Middleton Parish progressing well and negotiations underway with second Parish and the Energy Saving Trust to develop Carbon footprint
	2000 carbon reduction pledges from local residents / businesses within Suffolk Coastal	SCDC, Greenprint, Energy Saving Trust (Subject to successful SSP bid)	March 2008		Early stages of planning and promoting scheme to build on successes of scheme already underway in Ipswich



Water conservation

OUTCOME:	TARGET:	BY WHO: [LEAD & PARTNERS]	BY WHEN:	INDICATOR	DETAILS
TBC	Target still to be agreed				

Renewable energy

OUTCOME:	TARGET	BY WHO [LEAD & PARTNERS]	BY WHEN:	INDICATOR	DETAILS
Meet 10% UK electricity demand from renewable energy by 2020	Target still to be agreed				

Pollution control

OUTCOME:	TARGET	BY WHO [LEAD & PARTNERS] :	BY WHEN:	INDICATOR	DETAILS
	Complete update report on Local Air Quality Management	SCDC, SCC, DEFRA	June 2006		Complete and accepted by DEFRA 2 sites close to Port of Felixstowe to be assessed to determine if air quality management areas need to be declared (funded by DEFRA)
	Complete Air Quality Action Plan for Woodbridge Air Quality Management Area	SCDC, SCC	October 2007		Progressing

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