



Quarterly Meeting of Natural Basingstoke

Monday January 6th at 19.00hrs at the B&DBC Council Offices, Basingstoke

Attendees:

See list at Appendix 1

1. Apologies and Introductions

Apologies had been received from Rayanne Leutener and Alan Wilkinson.

The Chair introduced Lisa Primmer of Hampshire Youth Service, guest speaker for the meeting.

2. Introduction of New Members

Friends of Daniel Field, Whitchurch had joined NB but were unable to attend the meeting.

Cliddesden Community Conservation Group were also now members of Natural Basingstoke.

3. Hampshire Youth Services and opportunities for youth engagement with nature conservation

Lisa Primmer, who is based in Basingstoke with the Youth Offending team described the type of work the team undertook with children and teenagers 12 – 18 years of age who were required to undertake some amount of community voluntary work as a kind of restorative justice arrangement. The clients could volunteered for conservation work (there is no compulsion) if there were opportunities available, would be supervised by a HCC team member (who would be responsible for risk assessments and vetting suitability of children interested) and normally would be very small numbers :1 – 3 on any particular occasion.

Clearly there were opportunities or projects where the teenagers would benefit from the opportunity to work with groups but the nature of the activity, timing and the suitability of individuals would need to be discussed with the Youth Service team. Any Conservation Group interested in discussing the opportunities should contact Lisa.

Lisa Primmer can be contacted at lisa.primmer@hants.gov.uk

4. Presentations by Groups - Oakley Woodland Group & Kempshott Conservation Group

Alan Merry gave a short presentation on the 2 ancient copses which OWG have been managing for 17 years with excellent views of the woodland and the coppicing work undertaken.

Steve Goodwin gave a presentation on the 3 sites in and around Down Grange on which KCG have operated since 2006, indicating the way that plans had evolved to improve what was until that time a very unprepossessing area of land.

Both presentations noted the relatively small number of active group members, the issue of those members aging and the difficulty of recruiting younger members – a common theme for most NB members.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting & action items not covered below - 30th Sept 2013

Item	Action	Action by
1.	Full list of member groups and contact details to be circulated	Done
2	Access to NB website and feedback - info to be circulated	Done
3	Facebook link from Website	Done & email circulated
4.	Draft Sites Agreement to be discussed with BDBC & HCC	Awaiting finalization from HCC
5.	Site Management Template - Working Party to report back in Jan '14	Carried forward
6.	BVS to be approached re recruitment of PR skills	KM
7.	Presentation by Sue Rayden to be circulated	Done
8	Presentation re Living Records to be circulated	Done
9.	Plans for semi-permanent displays to be discussed with individual groups	Carried forward for action by committee

Item 6. Discussion on clarifying the role of a PR person was helpful in teasing out the several opportunities to generate advanced publicity for events and recruitment as well as coordinating group calendars and raising profiles.

6. Update on activities of the management committee since last meeting.

The Secretary pointed out that a summary of the work of the Committee had been circulated prior to the meeting.

In future Committee Minutes, Quarterly Meeting Agendas, Minutes and meeting Papers would be posted to the NB website – in the section for Member Groups access only as opposed to General Public access.

7. Policy Discussions in 2014

A note had been circulated prior to the meeting listing the various environmental policy and strategy areas where work was being done by BDBC, Environment Agency etc. to which NB and its members were invited to comment or were keen to establish working arrangements with BDBC.

The Secretary explained the background to some of these but discussion centred round the Review of management of green spaces below.

8. BDBC review of Strategic Management of Green Spaces & Natural Basingstoke response

Background documents to this discussion had been circulated prior to the meeting. Some, but not all members of the meeting or Member Groups had participated in the workshop organized by BDBC in December .

It was not entirely clear what specifically BDBC aimed to achieve from this exercise.

The extensive discussion involved briefing some members on the content of the discussion of issues which had gone on at the workshop and what the impact might be on groups in different circumstance.

Most groups did not see a realistic prospect of their taking a lead in this development, it was no clear how they might be involved if a third party - such as a parish - were interested in looking at the options. At this stage there was simply not enough concrete information to develop a response.

It was therefore decided that a further meeting towards the end of January/ early February would be held to develop a response from members of NB if that was possible. Date to be agreed.

9. AOB

9.1 **Training course attendance** at advertised training courses should be confirmed to Katy Hooper Other requests would be reviewed with a view to setting up internal courses during the summer..

9.2 Friends of Loddon Vale canvassed the experience of other groups in negotiating and organizing park Furniture. No past problems were highlighted. FLVP will take up their issues with BDBC via Katy Hooper.

9.3 **Council's consultation on CIL/S106 policy and its implementation.** Julia Nethercote drew attention to the It should be noted that in future, when this new process implemented, funding of green space improvements for existing green spaces will be from a single general fund and bid for (as opposed to allocation on a neighbourhood basis as under S106) S106 funding will continue to exist – but at a much reduced level. Details can be found at council website :

<http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/browse/environment-and-planning/planning/emerging-local-plan/communityinfrastructurelevy.htm>

9.4 **Living Landscapes** - This document is due for a modest update reflecting the existence of the GI Strategy document and rolling forward the action plan. Invitations to comment will be circulated by BDBC shortly.

<http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/browse/environment-and-planning/countryside/living-landscapes.htm>

10. Date for next meeting

The next meeting will be on **Monday 14th April** at 7.00pm in Council Offices

The site presentation at that meeting will be by **Southview Conservation Group**.

Action Items summary

Item	Action	Action by
1.	Site Management Template & relationship to BDBC site Management Plans - report back March?	Management Committee
2	Recruitment of PR resource	KM
3	Plans for semi-permanent displays to be discussed with individual groups	KM,ME,AW
4.	Complete website for 10 Links to groups, 2) intranet operations	SG
5.	Post documents to Website - Mngmt committee minutes, Quarterly Meeting documents	MW
6.	Arrange date of further meeting end Jan - early Feb re proposals for strategic management of sites.	KM,MW
7.	Check position re park furniture etc. in Loddon Vale Parks	CW & KH
8	Development of training opportunities as requested by groups	Management Committee

Appendix 1 - list of Attendees

Group/Member/Invitee	Name	Email address	Attending
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BDBC	Julia Nethercote	julia.nethercote@basingstoke.gov.uk	Y
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Dummer Nature Group	Jeffrey Northam	jeffreynortham@btinternet.com	Y
Friends of Daniel Field	Caroline Barber	cazbar2006@yahoo.co.uk	-
Friends of Stratton Park	Marion Wolstencroft	friendsofstrattonpark@sky.com	Y
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Fuzzy Drove Conservation Group			-
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