



WELLINGBOROUGH PARTNERSHIP

the Local Strategic Partnership for Wellingborough

Environmental Task Group

Notes from the meeting held on the 10th March 2008

DRAFT – subject to confirmation at the next meeting

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| Present: | Hugh Fenton (Chair) | Business |
| | Ela Goodall | Housing Needs, Borough Council of Wellingborough (BCW) |
| | Paul Gosling (Secretariat) | Resource Conservation Manager, BCW |
| | Alan Smith | Northants Wildlife Trust |
| | Keith Smith | WBC Technical and Leisure Services |
| | Carole Stephenson | Social & Cultural Development Manager, BCW |
| | Judith Thompson | Community Member – (Wellingborough Civic Society) |
| | James Wilson | Corporate Manager, Sustainable Development, BCW |
| Apologies: | Kirsty Morris | Community Member – (Wrenn School) |

Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed the delegates to the meeting. The delegates introduced themselves.

Items for AOB

There was one item for AOB

Approval of notes of last meeting

Approved.

Matters arising (not elsewhere on the Agenda)

- Climate Change toolkit – Grant period coming to an end. Estimated that 36% of Borough have made contact with the project (20% was target). Display to be held in Swansgate Shopping Centre on the 3rd April.
- Renewable Energy provision – Nothing new. Outside the Borough, the Burton Wold windfarm has been nominated for a Civic Trust Award.

- Fair Trade – application for recognition – Need more information on schools and community groups. Should have FT Borough Status by the end of the year at least.
- Heritage Trail – No news
- Country Parks & Pocket Parks – latest position – NCC retaining them. No-one would have them.
- Chester Farm – latest position – Expression of interest put forward by BCW as a partner.
- Water Framework Directive – local action – No news
- Play Strategy – Lottery bid successful. £191,000 over 3 years, mostly to be spent on Croyland and Queensway.
- Housing Strategy Action Plan – EG provided a tabular update of the HSAP (see appendix A). Any comments from partners to PG by end of March.
- Biodiversity Action Plan – LAA target – Work underway on BAP update.
- County Waste Strategy – Adopted by BCW in January 08. Waiting for other authorities to come onboard.

Wellingborough Partnership News

PG – Toolkit and FT already mentioned. CW-IC project funding from Landfill Tax has ended. Bid to Northamptonshire Enterprise for funding.

KS – Compared to previous period, 10% less waste has been sent to landfill.

JW – Stanton Cross Outline Planning and S106 have been consented. Town Centre Area Action Plan has had 131 responses. Mainly positive. Embankment car parking is under construction.

CS – New signs for parks have been ordered and are on their way. The Greenlag bid for Swanspool Gardens is due for review on 19th March. Turnell's Mill development, Whitworths have been helpful.

AS – Summer Leys purchase completed. Visitor car-parking upgraded. Bridge constructed to avoid having to walk on Hardwater Road. Launch event planned for May 2008. Access and interpretation are priorities. More enhancements are planned during autumn.

EG – Target of 120 social rented – 69 completed, 53 expected for completion by end of March. Target of 40 shared ownership – 41 completed. Funding received for other projects through period. £70,000 capital bids in place. Bozeat homes to be built to level 4 Ecohome standard.

JT – Knuston Hall has received Grade II listing. Waiting for Victoria School to be listed. Ann Frank exhibition at the Museum visited by 1200 people.

HF – Community Plan refresh is underway. Children and Young People’s Change Manager post has received funding and will be starting in April. Youth Strategy issued for consultation.

Spatial Strategies/ Local Development Frameworks

JW supplied a tabular update of the present situation. See appendix B.

Community Plan Refresh

HF presented two documents linking the Wellingborough Community Plan into the LAA Targets (appendix C &D). Comments on refresh to PG by the end of March.

AOB

Tree planting to replace old trees was raised by JD. Generally a County Council matter. PG noted that the Borough Arboriculture Officer was aware of the situation.

The meeting closed at 5.40pm.

Next meeting – Monday 9th June at the Tithe Barn, Wellingborough.