



WELLINGBOROUGH PARTNERSHIP

the Local Strategic Partnership for Wellingborough

Environmental Task Group

Notes from the meeting held on the 10th June 2008

DRAFT – subject to confirmation at the next meeting

Present:	Hugh Fenton (Chair) Gill Chapman	Business Community Development Manager, Borough Council of Wellingborough (BCW)
	Ela Goodall Paul Gosling (Secretariat) Alan Smith Keith Smith James Wilson	Housing Needs, BCW Resource Conservation Manager, BCW Northants Wildlife Trust WBC Technical and Leisure Services Corporate Manager, Sustainable Development, BCW
Apologies:	Vicki Jessop Carole Stephenson	Housing Strategy Manager, BCW Social & Cultural Development Manager, BCW

Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed the delegates to the meeting.

Items for AOB

There was no items for AOB

Approval of notes of last meeting

Approved.

Matters arising (not elsewhere on the Agenda)

- Climate Change toolkit – Estimated that 36% of borough have had contact with the project (20% was target). Continues to receive praise from external organisations. Entering the Green Apple Environment Awards.
- Renewable Energy provision – Nothing new.
- Fair Trade – application for recognition – Information gathering going well. Schools target (30%) nearly achieved. Window stickers from premises serving/selling FT goods in production.
- Heritage Trail – No news
- Country Parks & Pocket Parks – No further news.

- Chester Farm – latest position – Expression of interest put forward by BCW as a partner alongside Wildlife Trust.
- Housing Strategy Action Plan – Going to committee for approval to consult externally. Will come to September ETG.
- Biodiversity Action Plan – Refresh nearly complete. Web based to allow updating. Habitat focussed. National priority species included (Water Vole, Otter).
- County Waste Strategy – Now fully adopted. Kitchen waste collection out to tender. Separate to County residual waste project.

Wellingborough Partnership News

GC – Friends of Glamis Grove open day successful (c.175 attendees). Many activities. Next event is Friends of Swanspool Gardens on 21st June.

PG – BCW now on the Local Authority Carbon management Programme helping to reduce carbon emissions and energy costs.

KS – In the LEQ survey of England Wellingborough was judged “average”.

AS – Summer Leys project going well.

Spatial Strategies/ Local Development Frameworks

Town centre Area Action Plan information event being held in July telling people about the preferred option.

Core Spatial Strategy has been judged fit for purpose. Likely to be adopted by BCW on 12th June.

New Community Plan Priority Targets

HF presented the priority outcomes and targets current out for partner agreement (see Appendix 1). The number of targets has been reduced from the previous plan, with the ability to review them every year being added. The structure of the Partnership is being reviewed to fit in with the new targets.

HF asked group members, who had target ownership, to be prepared to fill in a pro-forma, which he and PG will devise, so that it is clear what targets are and what action plans are. These will be the main focus of the September meeting.

ACTION: PG/HF/ALL

AOB

None

The meeting closed at 5.25pm.

Next meeting – Monday 8th September at the Tithe Barn, Wellingborough.