

SEFTON COAST PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING

6 JUNE 2006 – FORMBY LIBRARY

Present

Ted Jackson - Chair (Sefton Coast Partnership)
Ceri Jones – Sefton Council (PERD)
Graham Lymbery - Sefton Council (Coastal Defence)
Andrew Brockbank – National Trust
Andrew Hall Sefton Council (PERD)
Ralph Gregson MBE – Chair Toursim & Communication Task Group
David Taylor – Formby Golf Club
Rajan Paul – Sefton Council (Leisure Services)
Peter Sandman – Sefton Council (Tourism)
Annie Worsley – Chair Research Task Group
Jen Lewis - Chair History & Archaeology Task Group
Michael Downey – English Heritage
John Houston - SCP

Apologies

Louise Hopkins/Carole Parker – Mersey Partnership
Reg Yorke – Chair History & Archaeology Task Group
Dave McAleavy – Nature Conservation and Shoreline Management Task Group
Paul Nolan – Mersey Forest
Councillor Lord Ronnie Fern – Sefton Council
Cllr. David Tattersall – Sefton Council

1. Apologies	Action
Apologies were read out.	
2. Minutes of the meeting 7th Feb 2006	
Minutes of last meeting were agreed as a true record. NB the minutes did not record that J. Houston had given a Nature Conservation and Biodiversity Strategy report to the board.	
3. Matters Arising	
CJ said that Living Landmarks Mersey Waterfront initiative for Lottery funding had failed. No Liverpool projects had been supported for the next stage.	
4. Trust Status	
TJ said that the SCP has yet to determine the need for, what a trust would do, how it would be set up and operate. AH agreed to send an agenda and commentary for the 4th July meeting.	AH

<p>The Board noted the Issues & Options report by Lawrence Holden of the Brabner, Chaffe and Street Solicitors. It agreed to proceed with a meeting on a 4th July to discuss the need for a charity further.</p>	
<p>5. SCP ICZM Plan 2006</p>	
<p>AH explained that the report provides a consultation response, and following some further changes, AH recommended that the Board endorse the SCP ICZM Plan 2006, and that both the plan and action plan be reviewed on an annual basis of the time of the production of the annual report. That the document should be available on the SCP website as a PDF for downloading. That on the website, comments will be invited from visitors, including ideas for improvement, due normally to the document being “non statutory” the statutory consulters who respond advised that although it may have been useful to do on SEA, it wasn’t necessary.</p>	
<p>6. Nature Conservation and Biodiversity</p>	
<p>JH presented a report on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity following consultation of the “Principles” of the strategy, in an issues report. It emphasized the importance of continuing to work within the broader community. The results of the issues report were that the 6 principles had all been supported, Working Groups are to be kept going, and site visits held. CJ asked that a consultation summary responses report be prepared.</p> <p>The Board endorsed the “Principles” of the strategy. That the strategy should proceed to formulating objectives for the next Board meeting in October. That the next Nature Conservation Task Group should consider how to engage the Media more, to raise profile of this work with the public. Role of EN needs to be better understood by broader comments as the conservation strategy develops. It was agreed that the EN’s head office would need to be more involved. JH confirmed that research staff from Peterborough is intending to attend workshops.</p> <p>NB 13 July UK National approach to setting conservation objectives 13 July by EN.</p> <p>JH reported progress with Nature Conservation Strategy. This included a summary of the written responses received by 31st March 2006.</p> <p>Responses were grouped without editorial comment. Prior to the meeting, the respondents were asked if they wished</p>	

<p>the Board to see their responses alongside their name. From this invitation Mr P G Thornton has asked that his comments be circulated to Board members.</p> <p>JH attaches an addendum to item 6 of this meeting.</p> <p>The Board asked that a response be prepared to the consultation: this is in preparation and will detail how the comments will be dealt with in the draft nature conservation strategy.</p> <p>Consultation meetings will continue in the summer months. Field visits have been arranged for the management. All Board members are invited to take part in these.</p> <p>If you would like more information please contact John Houston on 0151 934 2962 or john.Houston@leisure.sefton.gov.uk</p> <p>A second round of working group meetings will be held in September and the results of the first consultation period will be reported to the Board at its October meeting.</p> <p>All the background papers to the strategy can be found on the www.seftoncoast.org.uk website.</p>	
<p>7. Coast database report.</p>	
<p>GL presented a Coast database report on a programme of activity for capturing information, which the Board gave their support for. The purpose of work is to archive in electronic format historic data relating to geomorphology and coastal evolution. Appropriate meta data to be put with each report. Likely to include maps, charts and spatial plans.</p>	
<p>8. National Archaeology Week</p>	
<p>JL reported that a total of 18 organisations are participating in the National Archaeology Week 15-23 July. JL thanked everyone for their involvement and help so far. It was noted that it will be important to monitor feedback. Jenny Stanistreet has written to outstanding contributors regarding the history and archaeology proceedings.</p>	
<p>9. Annual Forum</p>	

<p>GL reported that generally, respondents to questionnaires are very happy with Floral Hall. There was some decent about charging in the future. AH asked the Board whether the were any views on moving the Forum closer to summer given the Floral Hall was booked up for the 1st two weeks in Feb.</p> <p>68% of attendees new about the Forum because they were on the mailing list, 4% attended because of press coverage. No one came to the drop in sessions.</p> <p>Next years event could include walks perhaps linked to a specific topic. There will need to be a presentation on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity Strategy.</p> <p>The Board thanked GL for questionnaire feedback and it was agreed that a working group meeting could be convened to agree format and dates for next year's forum.</p> <p><u>Coastlines and the Web</u> People were very positive about coastline but didn't access it on web. Therefore circulation is still important.</p>	
10. Forum Proceedings	
<p>TJ recorded thanks to GL and RN on collating proceedings. Board approved proceedings</p>	
11. Objective 1 Funding	
<p>AH explained situation regarding Objective 1 funding available for the coast. Will Moody will be writing a synopsis in conjunction with land managers and officers.</p>	
12. Brief update reports from task group leaders	
<p><i>Research:</i> AW presented a paper on the research task group due to collaborative efforts of SCP and project bid for SCP database to National Environment Research Council has been short-listed. Students talk proposed in December.</p> <p><i>Access:</i> Board endorsed the proposal to carry out further consultation on access strategy.</p>	

<p>AH reported that Access group has been resurrected and will be agreeing program of consultation and hit list of physical access projects.</p> <p><i>Tourism & Communication:</i> John Bannon will be asked to next Tourism meeting to discuss coastlines.</p> <p>PS reported that events and generic guide were being published. Signage is to be installed at Formby, Hightown and Ainsdale railway stations, funded through MWRP and Merseytravel.</p> <p>PS also spoke of Quality of Coast benchmarking being undertaken through the Copranet project in cooperating with Caroline Salthouse and NWCF.</p> <p>MW are supporting the task group and Carol Carroll attends. The website to market the Natural Coast is to be circulated for comment.</p> <p><i>Woodlands Forest Plan:</i> RN reported that the review of the plan is well under way, and will be presented to the Board at next meeting. A consultation exercise will be undertaken.</p> <p><i>Life Long Learning:</i> RN reported they are looking at working with Liverpool's Culture Company and hoping to get an allocation of CoC funds for work in Sefton. JL raised the issue of working with Adult Education sections of Universities.</p>	
13. AOB	
<p>DT tabled a course of wildlife guides prepared by Formby Golf Club (with help of Mersey Forest) sponsored by R&A. All Royal courses have now done one and all championship courses are being encouraged to produce a guide.</p> <p>GL raised the question of branding, agreed to stick to with SCP logo for SCP website. He also suggested establishing a web-link for posting SCP papers (rather than e-mail papers around). Agreed this should be investigated.</p>	
14. Date of next meeting 3rd October 2.30 pm Formby Library	