

## MINUTES OF MEETING

**Meeting:** Education & Lifelong Learning Task Group

**Venue:** Ainsdale Discovery Centre

**Time:** Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007

**In Attendance:** Rachel Northover (Chair), SMBC Coast & Countryside Service (RN)  
 Fiona Sunners, SMBC Coast & Countryside Service (FS)  
 David Bill, Manager North Sefton City Learning Centre (DB)  
 Andrew Hall, SMBC Planning Department (AH)  
 Sally Oritt, SOS People and Wildlife Officer (SO)  
 Julie Kirk, Southport Ecocentre (JK)  
 Sally-Ann Tatlock, National Trust (SAT)  
 Stephanie Boote, SMBC (SB)  
 Nick Haigh, Natural England (NH)

**Apologies:** Peter Sandman, SMBC Tourism department (PS)  
 Christine Hall, SMBC Library Services(CH)

No.	Minute	Agreed
1.0	<p>Introductions around the table</p> <p>DB – introduction about the North Sefton City Learning Centre (CLC).            CLC is based in Ainsdale Hope High School, and will remain when the school closes. Funding is from the government through the local authority. The main role is ‘learning through technology’ and is mainly aimed at the secondary level, with students having access to video and radio studios, computers and printers at the centre.</p> <p>Part 1: Starting in May 07 the CLC will be working with 7 schools initially, 15 students from each using data loggers and GIS to do transects along the coast, from the shore inland recording pH, salinity, wind and height etc – the equipment will provide exact recordings. They will also have cameras linked to the GPS for recording. Follow up will involve two days at the CLC to interpret and look at best way of displaying data gathered. After trialing with small groups the aim is to broaden the project to full classes and more schools.</p> <p>AH – Previously suggested poster competition to involve younger audiences – outputs from this project could possibly be used for display at Coast Forum in July 07, or definitely at forum 08.</p> <p>AH – will follow ideas up after meeting to pass onto schools.</p> <p>Part 2: Following on from part 1, to put together ideas for more projects linking our coastal resources with the technology available at the CLC.</p> <p>Suggestion to have an ‘Eco – Week’ in September/October 07, eg students to look at site interpretation and produce a product – such as leaflet, video web page, at the end, that could be used by the land managers.</p> <p>RN – need ideas on paper for next meeting for part 2.</p>	

	AH – need to link to Biobank and John Houston.	
2.0	<p>Minutes of last meeting 15<sup>th</sup> November 2006</p> <p>2.1 Meadow Project RN – attending meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> Feb at Landlife, with FS, to find out more including time scales for school involvement. PS unable to attend, Ann-Marie Clegg recycling officer invited along also.</p> <p>2.2 Audio Guides RN – these are progressing and Sarah Carter – Tourism, has arranged meeting with company involved.</p> <p>3.0 Targets AH - Collecting the data as a partnership looks better than as individual organisations when looking for future funding. Suggested one person in LLL group to take this further. CCS and NT have similar procedures already in place. RN – volunteered FS to look at data collection as already doing it for CCS, and forward categories of information already recorded to other partners for comments and amendments.</p>	
	<u>Agenda Items</u>	
3.0	<p><u>Capital of Culture</u> RN- to clarify timescales and money available with PS for ‘Meadow’ and ‘Audio Guide’ projects.</p>	
4.0	<p><u>HLF Squirrel Project Update</u></p> <p>SO – Path work for the trail is well under way. Interpretation panel text and images are at designers and will hopefully be ready beginning of March 07. SOS leaflet is to be a joint one with CCS’s Lifeboat Road Leaflet – double sided to save on paper. Range High School are well on with designing the feeders – the best overall features will be combines to encourage joint ownership by the students. Students will be producing the feeders to go out on site. Sound Posts – budgets will allow for several of these, one will go in the feeding area with the students voices explaining their feeder designs. Sculpture – St Lukes Guides worked with artist John Merrill in a workshop building models for him to work with on final design! A second sound post to be located with sculptures with voices from the Guides on their ideas. Sculptures to</p>	

	<p>be located away from the main feeding area nearer car park to attract visitors to the feeding area.</p> <p>The idea for the third sound post is to use a local character, RN suggested ling with NT audio guides.</p> <p>SOS web site launch on 15<sup>th</sup> March at St Lukes Church Hall.</p> <p>The ‘Friends of the Red Squirrel’ group already exist – looking to develop membership.</p>	
5.0	<p><u>Events program</u></p> <p>Jen Lewis not present to update on Archaeological week.</p> <p>RN – everybody’s event needed by 14<sup>th</sup> February to send to Tourism. Also requested short snippets of information to be interspersed throughout rather than large blocks of text, although a short introductory paragraph from each organisation about themselves would be useful, again by 14<sup>th</sup> Feb.</p> <p>SAT – Low Tide Day 19<sup>th</sup> May 07.</p> <p>NT to host a joint event between partners on their beach. Information limited due to exposed environment – laminated A3 posters on posts. Activities: Litter sculpture, Litter time line – NT. Mud Dig – SCC. NE – put on a historical activity.</p> <p>Awaiting response from RSPB for participation.</p> <p>John Houston ideas – stand locals along old coastline and photograph from the air, has spoken to Reg Yorke, who would like to refurbish the low tide markers.</p>	
6.0	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>SNC website – Education Page</p> <p>Should have a general introduction page, with links to those partners wishing to offer educational facilities, where further details can be found. Alteration can be made in first year (went live November 06?). This has more of a tourism audience seftoncoast.org.uk web site is also available – may be more suitable for more detailed information such as resource packs.</p> <p>RN – will send a reminder email out regarding web pages.</p> <p>Landscape Partnership Scheme</p> <p>John Houston mentioned this at last meeting, - studies for audience development.</p> <p>Task group felt it is worth considering bidding for, as it could cover a wider remit than just the schools audience.</p>	
	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2007, 2pm at the Ainsdale Discovery Centre</p>	



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