

Better Environment Thematic Group of West Lancashire LSP

Minutes of Meeting Thursday 23rd August 2012

Present: Tina Iball - WLBC, Environment
Lindsay Beaton – The Wildlife Trust
Dominic Rigby - LCC, Environment

1. Introductions and apologies

Apologies had been received from:

Steve Kent - WLBC, Leisure
Dominic Carr - WLBC, Planning Policy
Dave Dunlop – The Wildlife Trust

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting and associated progress report were agreed to be a true record.

TI informed the group that the actions from the last meeting associated with seeking new members have been put on hold until the future of the group has been determined.

3. ETG Action Plan 2012-13 and Progress Updates

DR informed that works to increase and enhance access to the Ribble Coast and Wetlands regional park are now complete. An audit of the work completed is currently being undertaken by Lancashire County Council.

LB informed that the new management plan for Mere sands Wood is now complete. Water vole sightings have also been recorded at the reserve this week.

Given the poor attendance at this meeting it was decided that a formal progress update is not required from this meeting.

4. Second Homes Funding

Two bids had been received in application for the available Second Homes Funding (SHF). Both LB and DR provided details of their projects, as outlined in their submissions circulated to the group prior to the meeting.

DR informed that the Egerton re-greening project had managed to secure match funding. The provision of a bench had also subsequently been funded through alternative means.

DR also informed LB that her project would also be eligible to apply for Green Partnership Funding.

After discussion, it was agreed by all present that the SHF should be allocated as follows:

Egerton re-greening project: £690.

Haskayne Cutting Nature Reserve access and community improvements project: £1,000.

TI to investigate how this funding should be received and any reporting requirements.

TI

6. **Any Other Business**

No issues were raised.

8. **Date of next meeting**

To be arranged electronically.

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