

## Meeting Notes

### Ecclesbourne Collaborative Group

22 March 2012

#### Alfreton Fire Station

#### Present:

Mark Craig	Severn Trent Water
Paul Tame	National Farmers Union
Tim Braund	Derbyshire Dales District Council
Chris Wood	Derbyshire Wildlife trust
Matthew Croney	Derbyshire Wildlife Trust
Matt Jones	Staffordshire Wildlife Trust
Ashley Dunn	Derbyshire County Council
Mark Haslam	Environment Agency
Mark Cunningham	Environment Agency
Paul Reeves	Environment Agency
Mike Jenkins	Environment Agency
Tim Pickering	Environment Agency
Martin Winter	Environment Agency

#### Apologies:

Mark Garth	Severn Trent Water
Jane Clement	Independent Farming Advisor
Steve Mead	Derbyshire County Council
John Holmes	Derbyshire County Council
Mark Taylor	Natural England
Ben Garstang	Chatsworth Settlement Trustees
Bethan Eggboro	Environment Agency
Geoff Nickolds	Trent Rivers Trust
Tristan Galletly	Forestry Commission

#### Minutes from the Previous Meeting

- The minutes were signed off as an accurate account of the previous meeting.
- **Action** – Tim Pickering to circulate previous minutes to the wider Ecclesbourne group.
- **Action** – Tim Pickering to circulate suggested terms of reference for the collaborative group for all to comment on.

- **Action** – Tim Pickering to circulate project gant chart for all to bring up to date.
- **Action** – Paul Reeves to identify a file share system for use by the group.
- A Media Plan is still needed.
- **Action** – Matt Croney to contact Bethan and Mike with a view to developing it.
- Bethan Eggborough has produced a draft web page for the Environment Agency web site.
- **Action** - Tim to circulate the web page for all to comment.
- Tim Braund reported on his meeting with Wirksworth town council. They are very supportive and waiting for us to show them what they can do to help.

### **Progress – Farm Liaison**

- The last meeting was positive but progress was limited. The group needs a chair person and Paul Tame very kindly offered to chair on the understanding that he may not be able to make all the meetings and so a standby would be needed.
- **Action** – Mark Haslam to identify somebody from within the Environment Agency to support Paul.
- Paul Tame got the collaborative group a slot at the Ecclesbourne Farmers Group meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup>. (However this has subsequently been postponed to October due to a double booking.)

### **Progress – Ecclesbourne Restoration Project**

- Chris Wood presented data collection to date and is aiming to have a draft scoping report for next meeting in May.
- **Action** – Martin Winter to supply Severn Trent water quality data to Chris Wood.
- **Action** – Ashley Dunn to supply information on culverting and highways to Chris Wood.
- Derbyshire Wildlife Trust have submitted an expression of interest to the Catchment Restoration Fund for minor barriers to fish removal, farmer advice, re-naturalising and flood plain re-connection work on the

River Ecclesbourne, Mackworth Brook, and the Rivere Amber. Paul Tame reported that it had been well received by the Humber River Basin Liaison Panel.

- Tim Braund noted that Wirksworth Town Council has data on the presence of Knotweed.
- **Action** - Chris Wood to contact Mike Ratcliffe at Wirksworth Town Council about the presence of Knotweed.
- Matt Jones from Staffordshire Wildlife Trust presented the work he has undertaken regarding farming, land use, and flood risk reduction. The report suggested that addressing the impact of future climate change rather than current flood risk would be the most cost beneficial approach and recommended that future work should focus on this area.
- **Action** – Tim Pickering to discuss with local flood risk contacts how the group might take this work forward.

### **Progress – Phosphate Reduction**

- Mark Craig provided an update and noted future developments regarding legislative changes in allowable levels for dishwasher and laundry detergents.
- **Action** – Paul Reeves to ensure that any permission required for the trial removal of phosphate from the Wirksworth works is obtained.
- **Action** – Paul Reeves to provide historic data from Callow Park treatment works.
- **Action** – Mark Craig to capture all activities on the Capture work on the project gantt chart

### **Progress – Community Engagement and Wildlife**

- Matt Croney presented the leaflet the Trust has been working on.
- **Action** – Matt Croney to circulate the leaflet to every one as soon as possible for everyone to comment on and provide organisational logos.
- The Wildlife Trust will have a stand at an event at the Eco Centre Stoney Middleton on April 14 and 15. If ready the leaflet will be used there. Members of the Environment Agency will attend the event.

- Mark Cunningham presented the article written for the Community Fare publication.
- Matt Croney presented an article drafted for submission to the Derbyshire Life magazine.
- The group considered how best to approach angling clubs and considered the possibility of a bespoke meeting for clubs.
- **Action** – Chris Wood to make initial contact with clubs and see what they think.

### **Catchment Management Plan – The Way Forward**

- Tim Pickering presented a first draft of the workshop outputs from the last collaborative group meeting and asked how it might be progressed and merged with the data collection work Chris Wood is doing.
- **Action** – Tim Pickering to circulate and ask for comments (including comments on the pilot vision contained in the report).
- The group also considered how it would develop and carry on after the pilot had run its course. This might form part of the plan itself.

### **Evaluation Discussion**

- After discussion it had been decided that Cascade Consulting who are evaluating the pilots would not be present at this meeting but could visit the catchment in April for a meeting with members of the group.
- **Action** – Tim Pickering to arrange a separate meeting with Cascade consulting.

### **AOB**

- Mark Craig raised concerns about Annex 10 priority substances in the catchment. If they are not tested for how do we know they are not there?

### **DONM**

- Please keep Tuesday May 22 free as a provisional date. Venue TBC.

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