

## The Lancashire Environment Forum

Notes From The Meeting Held On 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010, Lancashire Wildlife Trust, Bamber Bridge.

### Present:

John Wells

Chair (InBev)

Anne Antol

Fylde LSP

Alison Boden

Wyre LSP (Wyre Borough Council)

Julie Claux

VCFS Rep (Groundwork)

John Collins

Environment Agency

Kate Cox

Real NW Programme

Dave Dunlop

Lancashire Wildlife Trust

Richard Jennison

Council Protection for Rural England

Peter Jordan

Ribble Valley and Rossendale LSP

(Groundwork)

Debbie King

Lancashire County Council

Philip Lord

Ribble Catchment Trust

Mick Lovatt

Preston LSP (Preston City Council)

Jan McDonald

LCDL

Colin Peacock

Lancashire LSP

Clare Phillips

Lancashire County Council

Adam Scott

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council

Richard Small

West Lancs LSP (Liverpool John Moores University)

Joey Smith

LCDL

Jo Turton

Lancashire County Council

Alison Whalley

Environment Agency

Sarah Whitney

Lancashire County Council

### Apologies:

Gill Dickson

Phil Holland

Tina Iball

Andrew Loynd

Sue Procter

Anne Selby

Peter Walsh

Ruth Wearing

John Wherry

Bernard Whittle

Kate Zabatis

Pendle LSP (Pendle Borough Council)

SITA

West Lancashire District Council

Fylde LSP (FLoWE)

Lancashire County Council

Lancashire Wildlife Trust

CAFRAP

Natural England

Myerscough College

Fylde LSP

United Utilities

	<b>12/05/2010</b>	<b>Owner</b>
1	<p><u>Minutes from the last meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes from the last meeting were agreed.</p> <p>There was one outstanding action from the last meeting, to look at organising a meeting / event to address energy issues.</p> <p><b>Action</b> An event to be organised to address energy policy and renewable energy capacity.</p>	Clare Phillips and Forum Members
2	<p><u>Stock Take</u></p> <p>A stock take questionnaire had been circulated to members before the meeting. Clare Phillips summarised the feedback from Forum members.</p> <p>There were a number of further comments from members at the meeting. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Forum needs to be more focussed and more business like to ensure that it gets the best achievements</li> <li>• Priorities need to be identified</li> <li>• The Forum needs to work better together and with other groups</li> <li>• It would be beneficial to have more resources</li> <li>• Identify how the Forum can best influence and deliver the current and future community strategies</li> <li>• The Forum should be in a position to influence future environmental priorities for the next LAA</li> </ul> <p>There was an agreement that it would be beneficial to identify 5 or 6 main issues for the Forum to focus on.</p> <p><b>Action</b> Clare Phillips will develop a scoping exercise to send round to Forum members. The results from this exercise will be discussed at the next Forum meeting, and will be used to identify the Forum's main priorities.</p>	Clare Phillips

3	<p><u>Environment Forum Deputy Chair</u></p> <p>Peter Jordan volunteered to be the next Environment Forum Deputy Chair. Forum members unanimously agreed.</p> <p>Peter explained his reasons for wanting to take up this role.</p>	
4	<p><u>LAA Update</u></p> <p>Debbie King updated the group on the latest LAA report. At the end of the second year there is good progress against the targets.</p> <p>NI 186: Data is 2 years out of date, but data will be available soon which will enable reporting on the first year of the LAA. Progress is currently being measured against activity.</p> <p><b>Action</b> A draft Climate Change Strategy Annual Progress Report will be circulated to members soon.</p> <p>NI 187: This indicator is currently on amber. Debbie explained that the reason for this was down to the methodology of the surveys rather than actual performance. Survey methodology is currently under review. Another issue with this indicator is that all the 'easy hits' have already been achieved.</p> <p>NI 188: The county target of reaching level 2 has been met, although 3 districts are currently at level 1 and one district is at level 0.</p> <p>NI 192: Data will be available in November, but the Waste Partnership forecast that this target will be met. There is however, district variation in performance.</p> <p>NI 195: There has been good overall performance in the county, but again there is some district variation. 3 districts didn't meet the litter targets, and 3 didn't meet the targets for detritus.</p> <p>NI 197: The 2<sup>nd</sup> year target has been met. Work is currently taking place identifying county and district land ownership. Management of road side verges has been completed. The team have produced a full report of what they have</p>	Sarah Whitney

	<p>been doing.</p> <p><b>Action</b> Sarah to circulate the report to Forum members.</p> <p>The Forum discussed its role in monitoring the progress of the LAA indicators, and what actions needed to be taken to ensure that those indicators currently listed as amber are turned into green. It was noted that there are task and finish groups currently working on these indicators and currently these groups have no link with the Environment Forum.</p> <p><b>Action</b> Invite a representative from the fuel poverty and the adaptation group to update the Forum at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Sarah Whitney</p> <p>Clare Phillips / Sarah Whitney</p>
<p>5</p>	<p><u>Cumbria Floods November 2009</u></p> <p>John Collins gave a presentation on the causes and impacts of the floods in Cumbria, and outlined what lessons had been learnt from these events.</p> <p>Forum members thanked John for his interesting presentation.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p><u>Real NW Programme</u></p> <p>Kate Cox outlined the Real NW programme, which aims to develop strong leadership in resource efficiency, sustainable consumption and production and sustainable development in the public sector.</p> <p>Real are currently running a series of events for senior local authority officers and leaders, LSP officers and sustainability practitioners to share best practice in resource efficiency and sustainability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 28<sup>th</sup> May, Preston. Sub regional practitioners workshop</li> <li>- 21<sup>st</sup> June, Preston. Sub regional councillors event</li> <li>- 9<sup>th</sup> June, Warrington. Regional leaders event</li> </ul> <p>For more information, please contact Kate Cox, Real NW Programme Manager</p>	

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<p>6</p>	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>World Environment Day is on 5<sup>th</sup> June. InBev are running a Walk for Water event, with the company donating money for every Km walked. This then goes to various water charities.</p> <p>The Arnside / Silverdale AONB is running a wild flower festival with events and guided walks during the week of World Environment Day.</p> <p>Philip Lord informed the group on the work currently taking place on the River Calder. The Padiham weir has now been removed, and work has started on the main weir in Barrowford. The group agreed that it would be an interesting presentation for a future meeting.</p> <p>The venue for future Environment Forum meetings was discussed, and it was agreed that the Barn would continue to be used.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p><u>Forward Look</u></p> <p>Suggested forward look items include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Results of Environment Forum scoping exercise</li> <li>• Fuel poverty working group NI 187 update</li> <li>• Adaptation working group NI 188 update</li> <li>• NI 197 update on what has been achieved so far</li> <li>• Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool LAA experiences / issues</li> </ul> <p>Previously suggested items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future energy supply</li> <li>• Policies / environmental impacts of a change in national government</li> <li>• LCDL report on future jobs fund</li> <li>• Marine Bill / Marine protected Areas</li> <li>• State of fisheries</li> <li>• Water resource situation in Lancashire</li> <li>• River Basin Management Plans</li> <li>• Hydro Study</li> <li>• New LAA indicators</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transition Towns</li><li>• Sea level rise relating to Climate Change in Blackpool</li><li>• Brockholes project</li><li>• Environmental benefits in economic terms</li><li>• Green Infrastructure and its links with the Lancashire Integrated Regional Strategy</li></ul> <p>If members have any suggestions for future meetings or would like to highlight up and coming issues, please contact Sarah Whitney (<a href="mailto:sarah.whitney@lancashire.gov.uk">sarah.whitney@lancashire.gov.uk</a>)</p>	
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**Programme of Future Environment Forum Meetings:**

- **To be confirmed shortly**