**Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull Local Nature Partnership**

**Minutes of** **4th Board meeting**

held on 28th January 2014, 10 -12.15 p.m.

**at Warwickshire County Council, Saltisford Building 3, Warwick**

1. **Present:** Henry Lucas (**Chair**), Bill Hunt, Rosemary Collier, Nicola Wright, Claire Jaggers, Kay Champion, David Lowe (WCC Principal Ecologist), Paul Cobbing (Advisor), Gina Rowe (Secretariat)

**Apologies:** Glenys Tucker, Stephen Trotter, Mark Ryder, John Linnane, Frank Grimshaw

2. **Declarations of interest:** None were declared.

3. **Actions from 3rd Board meeting:**

LNP Implementation group: Milestone and success measures for 12 months to be added to the Key Action projects **GR/LNP Implementation Group**

**Consultation re strategic priorities still to be developed:** more detail will need to be added, developing this into a fuller draft plan.  **GR/Board**

**No information had been received re CAP reform,** work still in progress**. GT**

**All other actions had been completed.**

**4. For decision :**

**Board membership:**

* **Response to recruitment of Community representative**: Two enquiries had recently been received; no application received as yet. Follow up re any applications; re-circulate details/ and promote to county wide representatives **GR/All members**

**- Representation of Solihull re links to Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP**

**The basis of the place on the Board for SMBC was discussed regarding officer or elected member representation. The Board referred to the previous decision to maintain officer input to the Board. It was agreed** to finalise the basis of a place on the board with Solihull MBC via a letter to the relevant Director, Anne Brereton. **GR**

**- It was noted that Stephen Trotter has had to resign his membership** as he is changing jobs to be Director England with The Wildlife Trusts. The position will be filled by Dr. Ed Green, who will start as Chief Executive of Warwickshire Wildlife Trust in early May.

**5. For information and discussion:**

* **European Structural Investment Fund, Chapter 6 Environment**: Paul Cobbing, GR and DL had all met with LEP contacts Clive Winters and Matthew Epps several times over the last 3 months. A final version had been accepted. A match funding level of £I million had been stated, but no funding allocation has been made in ESIF to chapter 6. The ESIF was to be submitted at end of January; feedback will be checked re any changes to this position. Other LEPs have allocated funds to environmental protection.
* **Coventry and Warwickshire LEP Strategic Economic Plan input:** Consultation is underway on the SEP. There are consultation event dates set. GR to attend event in February. A response including LNP strategic priorities will be submitted. **GR**
* **LNP national evaluation** – the information circulated was noted. Evaluation responses had been submitted.

**6. For decision:**

**Communication of Board information:**

* **Annual meeting/ conference:** The revised programme **Paper 4.2** was discussed and main format agreed**.** It was agreed to aim at mid May for the conference. A small working group was established to progress the basis of the conference: Henry Lucas, Kay Champion, Gina Rowe will meet in February. Venue for conference still to be Coombe Country Park; check re availability in mid May **GR**

**- Links on partners’ websites:** The link re webpage for LNP on Warwickshire Wildlife Trust website to be re-sent to Board members, to establish links from each website. **GR**

**7. For information:**

**- National LNP links and Growth Fund:** No meetings had been held since last Board meeting. Information will be forwarded when received. **GR**

**8. Resources for LNP work**

The Co-ordination role had been further defined by GR, **paper 4.3**, with the scale of work clarified and estimates of time input required. There was discussion re raising funding from partners to support the role. Warwickshire Wildlife Trust stated it is still keen to be involved in the role. WCC offered potential for hosting a part time officer at their office and possibility of part resourcing, if other funds could be found to support part of time.

The possibility of support to be progressed with Severn Trent Water and with local authority members **GR/DL/MR**

**AOB**

Identification of Nature Improvement Areas to be progressed by the Implementation group and reported back to the Board. **GR/DL**

**9. Date of next meeting:**  Agreed as **Tuesday 29th April 2014**

**Venue:** Warwickshire County Council, **MR/GR**

WCC were thanked for use of the room.