

## Notes of the Meeting of Arun Vision Next Steps Group Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

Present; Claire Kerr (CK, SDNPA), Sebastian Anstruther (SA, CLA/ARRT), John Spence (JS, Arun and Western Streams Catchment Partnership), John Archer (JA, ARRT), Gillian Branson (GB, ARRT), Derek Waller (DW, Arundel TC), Matt Jackson (MJ, WSCC), Roger Spence (RS, Arun DC), Adrian Waller (AW, Amberley landowners), Henri Brocklebank (HB, Sussex WT), Fran Southgate (FS, SWT), Sue Beale (SB, NE), Megan Lock (ML, CLA), Tom Ormesher (TO, NFU), David Robinson (DR, EA), Jeremy Burgess (JB, SDNPA).

Apologies; Peter Knight (Norfolk Estate), Kate Rice (Southern Water), Julianne Evans (RSPB).

1. Introduction. CK outlined the background and hopes for the meeting with a main focus on agreeing a direction and priorities to move the vision forward. The SDNPA has agreed to act as facilitators for this next stage but will need the involvement and support of all partners at the table. This will be Claire Kerr's last meeting but the SDNPA will continue to facilitate and seek to provide admin support. We may also need to consider involvement of other partners. DW raised the need to have wider engagement with parishes and town councils, an issue that was discussed further at the meeting.
2. AVVG report. JB has a stock of printed copies and a PDF version. Welcome ideas for wider circulation please send to JB who will produce a master distribution list. It was suggested that we SDNPA should co-ordinate this with a covering letter/ paragraph. PDF versions could also be sent with newsletters. **ACTION:** RS to draft a covering paragraph/ letter and circulate to the group for comments. JB to send to Horsham DC with covering letter. DW to chase Nick Herbert to see if report is with Secretary of state.
3. Updates. DR gave an update on the IDB, this is currently sitting with the Minister awaiting a decision in regard to abolition. EA have completed Habitats risk assessment. Maintenance programme will continue. AW expressed concerns over the extent of maintenance works to be undertaken by EA. TO highlighted the recommendation in the vision (5) for EA to work with landowners on a way forward when a decision is made. JS raised Defra consultation on IDB's and managing the water environment. Most were unaware of this and it was agreed that we should try to share any future.

DR also gave an update on LTRAS, it is still the aim of EA to withdraw maintenance in March 2021 and they will be writing to relevant parties. CK asked about an update on SU3 investigations and DR agreed that project officer should give an update at future meeting. **ACTION** DR to arrange for project officer update on SU3 work.

RFCC. We have a slot at a future meeting to update the RFCC which could also be an opportunity to pitch for funding. **ACTION.** CK to contact John and Gill and see if they are scheduled to make this presentation. Response: John and Gill aware, but not currently committed to doing this. Expressed a willingness to support such a presentation but suggested that the group would also need to send a representative as RFCC would also like to hear about next steps. Group to decide course of action at next meeting.

4. Taking Forward adaptive management. TO commented that we need to have a pathway to some staff resource/ support, CK agreed but we need to define what the person needs to do first. DW commented that we need to find out what Defra think as they were instrumental

in the pilot. MJ suggested we should be looking at a community led initiative and AW raised the need for community consultation and the need to get feedback and educate farmers and landowners in regard to the process so far. GB suggested that there are two clear areas of future work, community buy in and developing adaptive management work. CK suggested we potentially need 2 sub-groups. The group reviewed the recommendations in the vision report in order to prioritise action, GB kindly captured this on flip charts. JB/CK will produce a spreadsheet template of the 12 recommendations, what is happening now and what needs to be done, this will be circulated for all to add to and express interest in specific areas of work. This will then inform Development of the future “work programme” and potential resource requirements.

**ACTION:** JB/CK to produce and circulate spreadsheet. HB will produce a map of project area and LA boundaries.

Next Meeting. In 4-6 weeks. JB will circulate a doodle poll. Meeting will look at work programme spreadsheet and responses to actions above.