

RIVER LARK CATCHMENT PARTNERSHIP

5.15pm AGM

5.30pm General Meeting

Thursday 25th September 2021

Via Zoom

AGM (2020-2021)

To approve Minutes of 2019-2020 AGM (to be circulated)

To Approve of the Report to the Charity Commission (RLCP 21-06 previously circulated but attached for convenience)

To approve the Financial Report to the Charity Commission (RLCP 21-05 previously circulated but attached for convenience)

To note Chris Gregory has notified RLCP of an intention to retire as a trustee

- thanks to Chris for his contribution to RLCP

Proposals to recruit trustees

- Initially look within existing membership but extend call more generally within Catchment population
- Ensure at least some trustees will take an active role in RLCP (i.e envisage an ongoing balance in active/non active trustees)
- Should more than four would-be trustees apply, then current trustees would need to select

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16.09.2021 (RLCP 2021-12)

3. INTRODUCTION OF NEW SWT RIVER OFFICER

- Alice Wickman is expanding her SWT role to include all Suffolk rivers

4. BFER/RIVER ACTIVITY ECOLOGY, CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION (Glenn)

- **River Restoration Work Parties BFER-supported)**
 - Fuller's Mill
 - West Stow (with Bury Trout Club)
- Fish passage from North Sea to the upstream Lark – status of Mildenhall work

5. VOLUNTEER UPDATE (Steph)

- **Training Completed since September meeting**
 - MoRPh training
 - Advanced first aid
 - Water Safety and first aid
 - Advanced restoration training

- **Additional BFER volunteering**

- Paths survey and maintenance
- MoRPh surveys
- Landscape volunteers

6. WATER RESOURCES EAST (presentation by Robin Price, CEO)

- Responsible for overall East Anglian water requirements to 2050 and direct responsibility for larger new supply schemes
- Looking at new ways of increasing water supply -new natural wetlands, desalination
- Natural capital – building maps of all East Anglian natural assets-holistic landscape water management
- Help shape and influence national water policy
- RLCP are members of the WRE Strategic Advisory Group

7. CITIZEN SCIENCE DEVELOPMENT (Libby) -report to be emailed prior to meeting

- Expanding citizen science
- Lark Observatory

8. CamEO (Sam/Jessie)

- CamEO Update - Water for Tomorrow
- A new EU project covering a number of EU regions plus East Anglia. The CamEO catchment will be one of several areas to receive funding. Lark elements include citizen science support and continuing previous collaboration between Lark abstractors

9. POLLUTION GROUP UPDATE (Steph)

- Becks Mundy has been seconded to an air quality role for six months
- River Lark Action Plan (Andrew)

10. SEWAGE GROUP UPDATE (Libby)

- Transfer of chair to Tony Whittingham

11. ENVIRONMENT BILL(Andrew)

- A number of significant extensions were made to the new Environment Bill on sewage towards the end of the parliamentary timetable, based on Philip Dunne's Private Members Bill.
- At the final stage the Lords re-introduced as amendments some additional key clauses
- A final revision resulted, although not in the original form, which RLCP had supported.
- Philip Dunne's campaign group is now moving on to new areas to reduce sewage pollution

12. RIVER LARK SHOWCASE EVENT SUNDAY 5th DECEMBER (Andrew/Steph)

13. PLANNING (Richard)

- West Suffolk Local Plan -Development of Green Infrastructure as a major component

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14. REPORT FROM ABBEY OF ST EDMUND HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP (Richard)

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

2022 Proposed Meetings

(Zoom or revert to in-person??)

Thursday February 17th, 5.30pm

Thursday April 21st, 5.30pm

Thursday June 16th, 5.30pm

Thursday September 15th, 5.30pm

Thursday November 17th, 5.30pm

16. AOB