

Intergrated Coastal Action Working Group

Minutes from steering group meeting: 04/05/10 @ Lifechurch Maidstone Kent

Present: Martin Hall (Chair & Greening the Gateway Kent & Medway), Chris Drake (KCC Coastal Officer), Sarah Anderson (KCC Climate Change Programme Manager), Mike Humber (Thanet District Council), Lisa Jenner (Natural England), Paul Rayner (Royal Yachting Association), Mandy Broughton (Vattenfall), Christine Wissink, (Royal Holloway, University of London).

Apologies: Elizabeth Holliday (Milne) and Lis Dyson (KCC), Cheryl Parker (Visit Kent) Mark Harrison (Timescapes)

Notes from the meeting

1	Martin Hall opened by asking all attendees to introduce themselves, particularly for the benefit of new member Mandy Broughton from Vattenfall and guest presenter Christine Wissink, from Royal Holloway, University of London.	<u>Action</u>
2	<p>Kent Coastal Project Register - run through new web pages. Chris Drake (CD) ran through the updated wireframe which has been designed by Dominic, the web designer from Dot Tourism and explained that the full developed web pages had been put back due to Dominic being stuck in India (the ash cloud!). The full range of multiple search facilities had been pared back, due to cost, but CD was able to demonstrate how the refined register will work, with two uploaded projects. The group were impressed with the work and satisfied that the current format will be a good starting point, which can be developed if the register become well used and expands in projects.</p> <p>Sarah Anderson (SA) emphasised the importance of monitoring to ensure the usefulness of the register can be assessed, so that the work can be developed accordingly. An oversight on the register form was noted; that a contact email needs adding. It was agreed that the most efficient contact would be that of the organising body for each project, as CD should not be the go between. However it was also agreed that a mechanism for measuring the use of the register needed to be identified by CD with the web designer.</p> <p>The aim is to have the new web pages/register ready for launch at the Kent Coastal Conference on 13 July.</p>	CD June
3	<p>Essential projects for the initial register – group discussion. Martin Hall emphasised the need for the register to be primed with projects from the steering group before the launch and asked for ideas: -</p> <p>Action – steering group to complete register forms for all the listed projects, below (and any others that subsequently come to mind) and email CD by end of May</p> <p>Lisa Jenner (LJ) – Medway Swale Recreational Disturbance Study, Greater Thames Disturbance Study, Pegwell Bay Recreational Disturbance Study,</p>	All End May

	<p>Pacific Oyster survey – North East Kent European Marine Sites.</p> <p>Paul Rayner (PR) – SE River Basin Management Plan</p> <p>MH – Rose-tinted Leysdown.</p> <p>Mike Humber (MHu) and Mandy Broughton (MB) – joint project between Thanet District Council and Vattenfall.</p> <p>SA – EU project – Coastal Communities 2150</p> <p>The project examples used by CD for the wireframe included “Kent Coastal Week strategy 2010 – 12” and “Kent and Medway Tourism Development Framework.”</p>	
3	<p>Kent Coastal Conference - 13th July – finalisation/discussion</p> <p>CD provided an overview of the provisional programme, which was approved by the group. The division of the programme into sectors was approved and with a gap on “industry”, MB agreed to provide CD with an update on Thanet Offshore Windfarm and provide a presentation title for CD.</p> <p>The group agreed that they would all attend on 13th July and that the opportunity for a short, informal meeting should be taken at the end of the conference (probably 4.00).</p> <p>CD asked that the group consider options to sponsor the conference, MHu said he would take this up with South East Coastal Group.</p>	<p>MB May 2010</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>MHu</p>
4	<p>Core business: Downscaling Climate Projections for the Kent coast - project outline and opportunities for the group – Christine Wissink (CW), Royal Holloway University of London. CW presented the project proposal to the group. The aim is to work with SA to produce localised climate projections for the Kent coast and to set this against topography; then to produce posters etc. The next stage of the project would involve the input of the ICAWG to gage significance of projections for their sector.</p> <p>The group were keen to engage with this work and saw their role as not only providing direct feedback for CW, but to champion the work with peers and get further input.</p> <p>MH suggested that the group should also provide opinion on what type of projections will be of most use; sea level rise, temperature, increased storms.</p> <p>Both CD and SA emphasised that the maps would not be used for the public, however wider input from the Kent Coastal Network could be encouraged, particularly at the July conference.</p> <p>CW will inform the group, when phase 1 of the project is complete; likely to be July.</p> <p>CD will be speaking to LGA Coastal Special Interest Group to secure some</p>	<p>ALL May - June</p> <p>CW</p> <p>CD</p>

	<p>feedback on the project as a whole.</p> <p>SA emphasised that the work should also help to underpin the Coastal Communities 2150 work.</p>	May
5	<p>AOB and other areas of discussion</p> <p>Membership of the Steering Group: the importance of the group to the Environment Agency (EA) was mentioned. CD had asked Rob Wise if his colleague Sharon Russell could attend this meeting, but had no response.</p> <p>EA will be covering “Erosion Risk Maps” and “Enjoying Water” at the July conference, so it was agreed CD would use these contacts to attempt to get EA actively involved in the steering group once more.</p> <p>Group contact details; CD circulated an address list, in order that the steering group could confirm correct details for the ICAWG web pages that will sit with the register.</p> <p>In this document, the details of each individual will be posted alongside the sector that they are representing for the group.</p>	CD July
9	<p>Date of next Meeting/s</p> <p>13th July 2010 County Hall, Maidstone at end of Kent Coastal Conference.</p> <p>9th November 2010 – full ICAWG meeting</p>	